

PRUNING FOR SHRUBS

PRUNE IN **EARLY SPRING**

Prune hard to encourage lots of new growth to flower or for foliage or stem interest:
Butterfly Bush (Buddleia) Smoke Tree (Cotinus) Bluebeard (Caryopteris)
Roses (Rosa) Redtwig (Cornus) Beautyberry (Callicarpa)
Spiraea , summer blooming (Spiraea)

Prune to thin older shoots (20 –30 %); minimal cut on remaining branches:

Hydrangea (Hydrangea) Hardy Fuchsia (Fuchsia)
Summersweet (Clethra) Pomegranate (Punica)

Prune for removal of crossing or unaesthetic branches only; minimal thinning and no hard pruning:

Witch Hazel (Hamamelis) Magnolia (Magnolia)
Japanese Maple (Acer palmatum) Crape Myrtle (Lagerstroemia)
Burning Bush (Euonymus alatus) Holly (Ilex)
Manzanitas (Arbutus and Arctostaphylos) Lilac (Syringa)

PRUNE **IMMEDIATELY AFTER FLOWERING**

Prune lightly for shape or aesthetic; dead-head regularly:

Rhododendron and azalea (Rhododendron)
Camelia (Camelia) Heaths and Heathers (Erica and Calluna)
Mexican Orange (Choisya) Sweet Box (Sarcococca)
Oregon Grape (Mahonia) Daphne (Daphne)
Viburnum – deciduous varieties (Viburnum)
Lavender (Lavendula)

Prune to thin older shoots (20 – 30%); cut remaining branches to strong branch or bud:

Forsythia (Forsythia) Mock Orange (Philadelphus)
Beautybush (Kolkwitzia) Spiraea, spring bloomers (Spiraea)
Deutzia (Deutzia) Weigela (Weigela)
Barberry (Berberis)

PRUNE **DURING GROWING SEASON**

Prune to “frame”, or shear to hedge:

Laurel (Prunus) Photinia (Photinia) Quince (Chaenomeles)
Blueblossom (Ceanothus) Privet (Ligustrum) Boxwood (Buxus)
Euonymus, evergreen types Viburnum tinus Abelia (Abelia)

Prune lightly to thin; encourage flowers that will fruit; prune early

Aralia (Fatsia) Cotoneaster (Cotoneaster)
Golddust (Aucuba) Firethorn (Pyracantha)
Heavenly Bamboo (Nandina)

Prune lightly or pinch to limit sprawl and dead-head

Gardenia (Gardenia) Rockrose (Cistus)

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