

Pruning Ornamentals

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Pruning helps maintain healthy, vigorous shrubs within a desired size. The removal of dead, diseased and broken branches rejuvenates old shrubs and restores them to new vigor. Flower and fruit development is stimulated by pruning. To insure the plant's proper response to pruning, timing is very important. Here is a list of trees and shrubs with their proper pruning times:

Key

E=Early
M=Mid
L=Late

Sp=Spring
S=Summer
W=Winter

<u>Plant</u>	<u>When to Prune</u>
Ailanthus.....	W, Sp, S
Andromeda.....	ES
Apple.....	LW
Arborvitae.....	LW, Sp, ES
Ash,,,,,	LW, ES
Azalea.....	LSp
Beech.....	LW, Sp, ES
Birch.....	LSp, ES
Blue Mist Shrub.....	ESp
Boxwood.....	Sp, ES
Broom.....	LSp, ES
Buddleia.....	ESp
Catalpa.....	LSp, ES
Cedar.....	LW, Sp, S
Cherry.....	LW
Chokeberry.....	LSp, S
Cotoneaster.....	Sp
Crab Apple.....	LW, ES
Daphne.....	LW, ES
Dogwood.....	LSp
Elaeagnus.....	LW, Sp, ES
Elm.....	W, Sp, ES
Euonymus.....	LW, Sp, ES
Fir.....	LW, Sp, ES
Flowering Quince.....	LSp, ES
Forsythia.....	LSp, ES
Fothergilla.....	LW, Esp
Grape.....	LW, Esp
Hackberry.....	LW, Sp, ES



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Hawthorn.....	LSp, ES
Heather.....	ES
Hemlock.....	LW, Sp, ES
Hickory.....	LW, Sp, ES
Honey Locust.....	LW, Sp, ES
Honeysuckle Bush.....	ESp
Horse Chestnut.....	LW, LSp
Sweetspire.....	MSp, LSp
Viburnum.....	LSp, ES
Weigelia.....	MS
Willow.....	LW, Sp, ES
Wisteria.....	LSp, ES
Witch-Hazel.....	LSp

<u>Plant</u>	<u>When to Prune</u>
Hydrangea.....	LW, ESp
Juniper.....	LW, Sp, ES
Katsura.....	LW, Sp, S
Kerria.....	S
Leucothoe.....	LW, ESp
Lilac.....	LW, ESp, S
Magnolia.....	LSp, ES
Mahonia.....	S
Maple.....	LSp, ES
Mock Orange.....	LS, S
Mountain Ash.....	LSp, ES
Mountain Laurel.....	MSp, ES
Mulberry.....	LW, ESp
Peach.....	LW
Pear.....	LW
Pine.....	MSp, LSp
Plum.....	LW
Poplar.....	LW, Sp, S
Potentilla.....	Sp
Privet.....	LW, Sp, S
Pyracantha.....	LW, ESp
Redbells.....	LW, ESp
Rhododendron.....	LSp, ES
Rose.....	LW, ESp
Rose of Sharon.....	LW, ESp, LS
Shadblow.....	LSp
Smokebush.....	LW, Esp
Spirea.....	S
Summersweet.....	LW, ESp
Sweetpepper.....	LW, ESp
Sweetspire.....	MSp, LSp
Viburnum.....	LSp, ES
Weigelia.....	MS
Willow.....	LW, Sp, ES
Wisteria.....	LSp, ES
Witch-Hazel.....	LSp