



When to Prune Plants in Your Landscape

FRUIT TREES

All fruit trees Late winter is best

TREES

Alder Late May-June (minor pruning earlier)

Amelanchier Anytime, after bloom

Ash Anytime if treated

Birch Minor pruning in early spring (not May-Aug)

Black Walnut January-March

Butternut January-March

Catalpa Anytime

Crabapples Late winter / early spring before bloom

Elm April-July

Ginko Anytime

Hackberry Anytime

Hawthorn Late winter to early spring

Hazelnut Anytime

Honeylocust Late winter (when dry; also in June)

Horsechestnut Late winter, early spring

Ironwood Early spring

Ivory Silk Lilac Only after flowering

Kentucky Coffeetree Anytime

Linden Anytime

Magnolia Only after bloom

Maple May-summer is best

Mountain Ash Later winter / early spring

Mulberry Anytime

Oak November-March (to prevent oak wilt)

Pears After bloom is best

Plum After bloom is best

Poplar Late winter / early spring

Redbud After bloom is best

Willow Late winter / early spring, less canker

SHRUBS

Althea Anytime, Blooms on new wood

Amelanchier Anytime, After bloom is best if want to enjoy

Aronia Renewal prune

Barberry Anytime, Renewal prune in spring

Boxwood Anytime-July

SHRUBS

Buddlia Early spring, 6" from ground

Caryopteris Early spring, 6" from ground

Clethra Early spring

Cotoneaster After bloom is best

Alpine currant Anytime

Diervilla Anytime

Dogwood Anytime, Renewal pruning in spring

Elderberry Early spring, Severely prune

Forsythia After bloom in spring

F. Bronx & Citrus Swizzle Anytime

Fothergilla Prune after flowering to shape

Hazelnut Early spring, Renewal prune

Honeysuckle Early spring, Renewal prune/shape anytime

Hydrangea

Arborescens

Types: Annabelle, Invincibelle® Spirit, Samantha, Ryan Gainey
Cut down to a foot or less each spring before they start to grow

Hydrangea

Macrophylla Types:

Endless Summer, Grateful Red
Trim to live wood in spring and remove old blooms

Hydrangea

Paniculata Types:

Bobo, Limelight, Little Lime, Mega Pearl, Pee Gee, Phantom, Pink Diamond, Pinky Winky®, Quick Fire®, Silver Dollar, Strawberry Sundae™, Tardiva, Unique, Vanilla Strawberry™
Before new growth in spring ONLY!
Prune to desired size and shape
Usually removing about 1/3 of the overall size

All Tree Form Hydrangea Paniculata Types
Trim the head back to about 2' before it starts to grow in early spring

Hypericum Early spring

Ilex Renewal prune late winter/early spring

Kerria Early spring severely

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SHRUBS

Lilac	Immediately after bloom ONLY! And, renewal prune removing the oldest stems out at the ground level
Maple shrubs	Anytime
Mockorange	Immediately after bloom, Can be cut severely
Ninebark	After bloom, Renewal prune if needed
Potentilla	Spring, Take out some old wood to ground
Privet	Anytime, Renewal prune
Prunus	After bloom
Quince	After bloom
Rhododendron / Azalea	Immediately after bloom, Lightly
Snowberry	Early spring, before new growth
Sorbaria	Early spring, before new growth
Spirea-Small reblooming	Early spring & right after first set of blooms
Spirea Grefsheim	After bloom
Spirea Prunifolia	After bloom
Spirea Renaissance	After bloom
Spirea Snowmound'	After bloom
Spirea Van Houtteii	After bloom
Stephanandra	Anytime
Sumac - Most varieties	Early spring is best
Sumac Gro Low	Anytime for shape
Viburnum	After bloom only or renewal prune in spring
Weigelia	After first bloom in June
Willow	Before new growth in spring
Witchhazel	Before new growth in spring
Woadwaxen	Shear before new growth in spring
Yucca	Early spring, remove damaged foliage

ROSES

Rugosa Types: Belle Poitevine, Blanc Double DeCoubert, F.J. Grootendorst, Hansa, Rugosa, Sir Thomas Lipton	Early spring to 4-6"
Therese Bugnet William Baffin Climber Red Leaf Rose Winners Circle Climber	Blooms on last years wood After bloom, remove blooming canes, leave new canes from base
Landscape Types: Including Knock Out® series, Drift Roses	To good wood (4-6") in spring / deadhead as needed

EVERGREENS

Arborvitae, Falsecypress, Hemlock, Junipers, Microbiota, Yews	Early spring to before July 4th
Pines	Candle prune in May as new growth expands
Spruce & Fir	Candle prune new growth when tender Head back new growth as needed for maintaining form if necessary

PERENNIALS

All Perennials	Late fall or early spring (See separate care sheet)
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GRASSES

All Grasses	Early spring only!
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