

## Riverside Nursery

Is making it easy for you this season with our pruning chart. Here you will find a list of many popular trees and shrubs along with information about the best pruning times. We're here to help you take the guess work out of what to prune and when to prune it. Please feel free to speak with any of our sales associates and they will be happy to answer any additional question you may have.

Happy pruning!



## Pruning Trees and Shrubs

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## Deciduous Trees

**Birch**-January, November, December. Avoid pruning in late winter/early spring due to sap flow. Avoid pruning from spring through summer due to insect/disease problems.

**Cherry**-June, July. Avoid pruning after July because flower buds may have set.

**Crabapple**-May, June, July. Avoid pruning after July because flower buds may have set.

**Crape Myrtle**-January, February, March. Avoid pruning from October-December due to reduced cold hardiness.

**Dogwood**-June, July. Avoid pruning after July because flower buds may have set.

**Ginkgo**-Prune anytime

**Hawthorne**-June, July. Avoid pruning after July because flower buds may have set.

**Honeylocust**-September, October

**Katsura**-Prune anytime

**Linden**-August, September, October.

**Magnolia**-May, June, July. Avoid pruning after July because flower buds may have set.

**Maple**-May, June, July, November, December. Avoid pruning in late winter/early spring due to sap flow. Avoid pruning from spring through summer due to insect/disease problems.

**Oak**-November, December. Avoid pruning from spring through summer due to insect/disease problems.

**Pear**-June, July. Avoid pruning after July because flower buds may have set.

**Plum**-June, July. Avoid pruning after July because flower buds may have set.

**Redbud**-May, June, July. Avoid pruning from spring through summer due to insect/disease problems. Avoid pruning after July because flower buds may have set.

**Serviceberry**-May, June, July. Avoid pruning after July because flower buds may have set.

**Sourwood**-October, November, December.

**Stewartia**-January, December.

**Sweetgum**-Prune anytime.

**Sycamore**-Prune anytime.

**Tuliptree**- Prune anytime.

**Willow**-DO NOT prune in February, March April.

**Zelkova**-Prune anytime

## Evergreen Trees

**Arborvitae**-Jan, Feb, May, June, July, Nov, Dec. Seldom needs pruning. Don't prune into old wood having no leaves or needles.

**Atlas Cedar**-Jan, Feb, Nov, Dec. Seldom needs pruning. Don't prune into old wood having no leaves or needles.

**Deodar Cedar**-Jan, Feb, May, June, Nov, Dec. Seldom needs pruning. Don't prune into old wood having no leaves or needles. Prune during growing season to make more compact or dense.

**Chamaecyparis**- Jan, Feb, Nov, Dec. Seldom needs pruning. Don't prune into old wood having no leaves or needles.

**Fir**-- Jan, Feb, Nov, Dec. Seldom needs pruning. Don't prune into old wood having no leaves or needles.

**Hemlock**-April, May June, July. Seldom needs pruning. Don't prune into old wood having no leaves or needles. Prune during growing season to make more compact or dense.

**Holly**- Jan, Feb, Nov, Dec. To avoid reducing berry production, don't prune during bloom period.

**Juniper**- Jan, Feb, Nov, Dec. Seldom needs pruning. Don't prune into old wood having no leaves or needles.

**Leyland Cypress**-Jan, Feb, July, Nov, Dec. Seldom needs pruning. Don't prune into old wood having no leaves or needles. Prune to remove cankers.

**Southern Magnolia**-Jan, Feb, Nov, Dec. Seldom needs pruning. Flower buds set on previous season wood; winter pruning will reduce flowering.

**Pine**-April, May, June. . Seldom needs pruning. Don't prune into old wood having no leaves or needles. Prune during growing season to make more compact or dense.

**Spruce**-May, June. Seldom needs pruning. Prune during growing season to make more compact or dense.

## Shrubs (#'s see reference at end)

**Abelia**-Jan, Feb, Nov, Dec. 1, 4

**Aucuba**-June, July. 2

**Azalea** (deciduous)-May, June, July. 2

**Azalea** (evergreen)-May, June, July. 2, 7

**Barberry**-May, June, July. 2,4

**Beautyberry**-Jan, Feb, March, Nov, Dec.

**Boxwood**-January-July, Nov, Dec. 5

**Scotch Broom**-June, July. 2

**Butterflybush**-Jan, Feb, March, Nov, Dec. 1

**Chastetree**-Jan, Feb, March. 1

**Cherry laurel**-January-July, Nov, Dec. 5

**Summersweet**-Jan, Feb, March, Nov, Dec. 1

**Cotoneaster**-Jan, Feb, Nov, Dec. 3

**CrapeMyrtle**-Jan, Feb, March.1, 8

**Daphne**-April-July. 2

**Deutzia**-June, July.2,4

**Redtwig Dogwood**-Jan, Feb, March, Nov, Dec. 1,4

**Euonymus** (deciduous)-Jan, Feb, March, Nov, Dec. 5

**Euonymus** (evergreen)-Jan-July, Nov, Dec. 5

**Forsythia**-April, May, June, July. 2,4

**Rose of Sharon**-Jan, Feb, March, Nov, Dec. 1

**Holly** (deciduous)-Jan, Feb, Dec. 1

**Holly** (evergreen)-June, July. 2,5

**Hydrangea** (spring blooming)-June, July. 2

**Hydrangea** (summer blooming)-Jan, Feb, March. 1

**St. Johnswort**-Jan, Feb, March. 1

**Juniper**- Jan, Feb, March, Nov, Dec. 6

**Kerria**- June, July. 2,4

**Leucothoe**-June, July. 4

**Lilac**-June, July. 2,4\

**Oregon Grapholly**-May, June, July. 2,4

**Mountain-laurel**-June, July. 2

**Nandina**-Jan, Feb, Mar. 1,4

**Osmanthus**-Jan, Feb, June, Nov, Dec. 1,5

**Andromeda**-May, June, July. 2

**Potentilla**-Jan, Feb, March, Oct, Nov, Dec. 1,4

**Pyracantha**-June, July. 2,3

**Rhododendron**-June, July. 2

**Rose**-Feb, March, July, August. 1,3,4

**Smoke Bush**-Jan, Feb, Nov, Dec. 1

**Spirea** (spring blooming)- May, June. 2

**Spirea** (summer blooming)-Jan, Feb. 1

**Viburnum** (deciduous)-May, June, July. 2,4

**Viburnum** (evergreen)-May, June. 2

**Weigela**-May, June, July. 2,4

**Witchhazel**-April, May, June, July. 2

**Yew**-Jan, Feb, March, May, June, July, Nov, Dec.5

Reference:

1-Flowers are produced on new wood.

2-Flowers are produced on old wood, pruning while dormant will reduce flowers.

3-Make pruning cuts well below diseased wood.

4-Remove old stems to the ground yearly to renew.

5-Midseason shear if formal hedge is desired.

6-Do NOT cut into old wood that has no needles or leaves.

7-Spring/Summer prune to remove azalea caterpillars and galls.

8-Fall/early winter prune can reduce hardiness.

9-Snap candles (new growth) in half when needles are 1/2-1/3 their normal mature length.