

Pruning Guide

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
Ginkgo	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	Late winter/early spring
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)

Evergreens

Arborvitae, Falsecypress, Hemlock, Junipers, Microbiata, Yews	Early spring 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 as necessary.

Roses

Knockout Series, Drift Rose Series, Flower Carpet Series	To good wood (4-6 inches) in the spring/ deadhead as needed
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Perennials

All Perennials & Grasses	Late fall or early spring
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Shrubs

Althea	Anytime, Blooms on new wood
Amelanchier	Anytime, after bloom is best
Aronia	Renewal prune
Barberry	Anytime, Renewal prune in spring
Boxwood	Anytime-July
Buddleia	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 blooming in spring
Fothergilla	Prune after following to shape
Hazelnut	Early spring, renewal prune
Honeysuckle	Early spring, renewal prune/shape anytime
Hydrangea aroscens: Annabelle, Invincibelle Spirit	Cut down to a foot or less each spring before they start to grow.
Hydrangea Macrophylla: Endless Summer series, Glowing Embers, Fuschia Glow, Let's Dance Series	Trim to live wood in late spring and remove old blooms
All Tree form Paniculata	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
Lilac	Immediately after bloom ONLY! Renewal prune removing oldest stems out at the ground level
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
Spirea-small reblooming	Early spring and right after first set of blooms
Spirea	After bloom
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 ONLY! Prune to desired size and shape, usually removing about 1/3 of the overall size.
Witchhazel	Before new growth in spring