

The most common reasons to prune shrubs are to maintain or improve health, vitality, and appearance.

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Shrubs are a valuable, often under appreciated, part of landscapes. They provide diversity in growth form, foliage, flowers, fruits, and fall color. Proper pruning is essential for long-lived shrubs that are vigorous and healthy. Improper pruning is a harmful, expensive practice that will reduce flowering and the life of shrubs.

Proper shrub pruning is the selective removal of stems and branches without changing the overall form of the shrub. Proper shrub pruning develops and maintains a shrub's natural growth habit within the confines of a landscape. Working with a shrub's natural form will lead to less maintenance and healthier landscapes. In contrast, pruning practices such as shearing will lead to more maintenance and stressed landscapes.




Seasonal Flowering




Fruit



Fall Foliage



Winter Interest



Timing of Shrub Pruning

Timing of shrub pruning is critical in maintaining health and maximizing flowering. The timing of pruning is based on biology and varies for each shrub species.



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