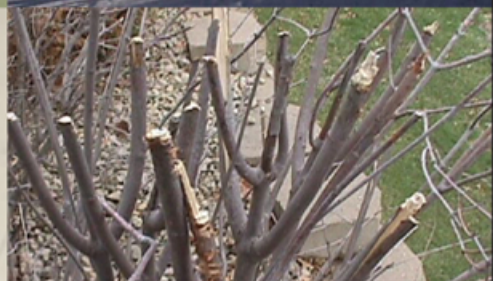


Shrubs & Shearing

Why shearing is *NOT* an acceptable pruning practice for most shrubs:

- Works against the natural form of the shrub
- Cuts are not made at appropriate places on the stem tissue, causing decay and decline of stems
- Causes an “eggshell” appearance of the foliage which shades out the inner portions of the shrub
- Since most of the foliage is removed, the shrub must sprout new leaves, which is a huge energy expense



Shearing Damage



Sprouting due to shearing

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