

Your Guide to **PRUNING**

We're here to take the guesswork out of pruning. While we always lean toward the natural shape of trees and plants, many can benefit from some rejuvenation and maintenance.

The basics

SPRUCES AND PINES

Thicken branches by cutting or pinching the 'candle' (new) growth in half each June or July. Only prune back dead or diseased branches to keep a natural shape.

BROADLEAF OR NEEDLE EVERGREENS

Shape sparingly April through July and mid-September through October as needed.

DECIDUOUS TREES

Late winter is the best time to find and remove dead or diseased branches and shape without stimulating late-season growth. Exception: prune birches and maples after leaf drop to avoid excessive sap flow.

FLOWERING TREES AND SHRUBS

Bloom before June? Prune after flowering to avoid cutting off buds. Bloom after June? Prune in March before leaf out.

HYDRANGEAS

White-flowering, prune early spring. Pink and blue, wait until leaves emerge to prune out dead branches.

PERENNIALS & ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

We like to keep ours for winter interest and wildlife shelter, so recommend pruning within a few inches of the ground in March/April.

ALL PLANTS

Trim out dead, diseased or broken branches anytime.

INSIDER'S TIP:

Save yourself pruning time when you plant by leaving enough space for the full-grown size.

And remember, you can always stop in, call us at 317-733-GROW (4769) or use online chat if you have questions or need encouragement.