

# Shrub Pruning



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## SHEARING

- ◆ Decreases life expectancy
- ◆ Stresses plant by removing large percentage of leaves which are the food source
- ◆ Increases water use during photosynthesis
- ◆ Sections of the plant often die due to stress & disease
- ◆ Reduces flowering quantity & duration
- ◆ Increases frequency of plant replacements



Shearing results in health decline

## SELECTIVE PRUNING

- ◆ Increases plant sustainability
- ◆ Promotes healthy plants
- ◆ Uses less water
- ◆ Removes dead wood which is prone to insects and disease
- ◆ Promotes flowering
- ◆ Allows air & light into the plant

## HOW DO I SELECTIVELY PRUNE?

- ◆ Most plants should be reduced in size by about half, some varieties can be reduced to 12-18" in height.
- ◆ Alternate years of pruning primary and secondary wood
- ◆ Don't prune during a shrubs flowering cycle
- ◆ Don't prune while shrub is vulnerable to heat / frost damage
- ◆ Prune frost damage from plants After threat of frost has past
- ◆ If shrubs outgrows it's area, prune only what is necessary



Selective prune at primary wood



Selective prune at secondary wood



Natural form & flowering

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