

Rejuvenation pruning

Rejuvenation pruning is done to restore the vigor of older shrubs. Depending on the type of shrub and the individual preference, Rejuvenation pruning can be done all at once or over the course of several years.

Hard pruning is an aggressive rejuvenation pruning technique where all the branches are pruned in early spring, leaving only about 6 to 12 inches of growth from the ground.



Not all shrubs can tolerate this kind of pruning! Be sure that you know how a shrub will respond before you start cutting!

Do not use this method on plants that have a single stem. Do not use this method on stressed or unhealthy plants. Do not use this method on conifers.

Gradual Rejuvenation pruning is less stressful to the plant. Select up to 1/3 of the older, thicker branches from different areas throughout the shrub and cut them near ground level.

This can be done in successive years or just occasionally through the years to replace older branches with young fruiting branches. Gradual pruning can be done any time of the year as long as the weather is not extremely hot, cold, or wet.

