

# How to Prune

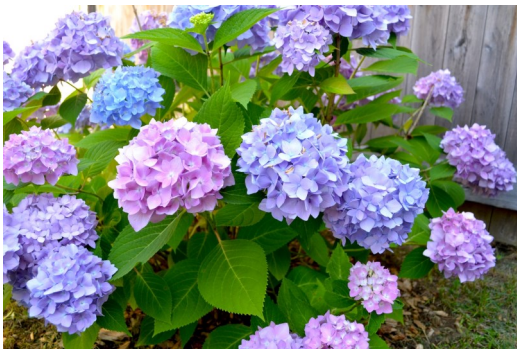


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Many perennial plants need to be pruned to allow for fuller regrowth during the next season. This guide will tell you how to get the most beautiful and full flowering plants.

## Ornamental Grasses:

Cut/mow them down to the ground each spring. This will control the growth of the grasses and allow them to get to their appropriate height every season.



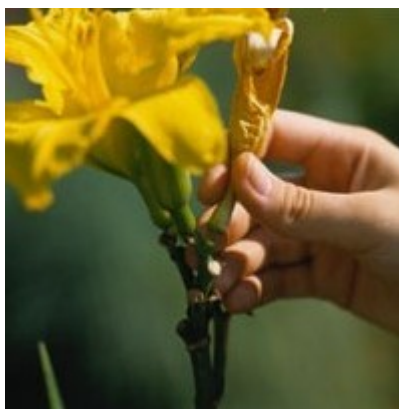
## Flowering Trees, Shrubs and Vines:

During the plants dormant season (early spring or late winter) you should trim back any of the dead or damaged stems. Weed out the crowded areas of the plant and reshape it to the size you would like.

Examples of these plants are hydrangeas, rhododendron, and roses.

## Fruit Trees and Berry Bushes:

Fruit trees and bushes need to be pruned to continue to produce fruit. You want to trim off old or diseased branches first. You shouldn't remove more than two or three mature branches each year.



## Flowering Perennials and Annuals:

Deadheading encourages re-flowering during the flowering season and helps create a clean garden look. Deadheading is simply popping the bloom of a flower off of the stem once it starts to fade or wilt. Don't deadhead any plant you want to use for seed saving.

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## **Resources:**

<http://www.bhg.com/gardening/trees-shrubs-vines/shrubs/summer-blooming-shrubs/#page=1>

<http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/home/gardening/advice/g60/pruning-tips-0307/?slide=5>

[http://gardening.about.com/od/pruningplants/a/Pruning\\_FAQ.htm](http://gardening.about.com/od/pruningplants/a/Pruning_FAQ.htm)

<http://www.bhg.com/gardening/trees-shrubs-vines/care/what-to-prune-when/>

<http://www.finegardening.com/pruning-tips-and-techniques>