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## Careful pruning can rejuvenate trees, shrubs

If woody ornamentals in your landscape need corrective pruning, the time is at hand, says a landscape horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The key to pruning is to have a purpose in mind," emphasizes Everett Janne. "If you cannot justify the removal of a limb or branch, you better put up your equipment and go spade the garden for exercise."

Some reasons for pruning include removing dead or winterkilled growth or balancing the top with the root system when setting out new plants. Diseased or insectinjured wood as well as storm or accident-damaged limbs should be removed as soon as possible, notes the Texas A&M University System specialist.

"Older shrubs can be rejuvenated by removing the older branches at the base. Pruning can also help develop a desired shape or size as well as aid in producing better flowers and fruit," points out Janne.

However, he cautions agains severe pruning. It is better to prune lightly and more often to prevent sunscald to the sensitive inner branches.

And, never leave stubs that invite the entry of insects and disease. Paint all wounds or cuts over threefourths of an inch in diameter with a wound dressing available at any nursery or garden center. In lieu of regular wound dressing, common orange shellac makes a good temporary dressing.

"Plants which bloom in early spring with the appearance of new leaves should be pruned after they flower," explains Janne, "while those that bloom later in the spring or summer should be pruned now while they are dormant."

To make pruning easier and for good, smooth cuts, always use sharp tools, adds the horticulturist.



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