

## When to Prune Flowering Shrubs

By seasonally pruning your flowering shrubs, you can remove old or damaged wood that is more susceptible to disease, control the size & shape of your plants, and increase branching (which boosts flowering capacity). However, timing your pruning, so as not to disrupt the upcoming season's flower production, is key to promoting abundant blossoms.

### Prune these spring-flowering shrubs soon after flowering:

|   |                |                  |
|---|----------------|------------------|
| Serviceberry                                      | Lilac          | Sweetshrub       |
| Spirea ( <i>thunbergii</i> , <i>vanhoutteii</i> ) | Honeysuckle    | Cotoneaster      |
| Barberry  | Fothergilla    | Leucothoe        |
| Rhododendron                                      | Mockorange     | Euonymus         |
| Dogwood   | Witch hazel    | Flowering Almond |
| Pieris  | Viburnum       | Kerria           |
| Deutzia   | Daphne Weigela | Aronia           |
| Mt. Laurel  | Mahonia        | Magnolia         |
| Forsythia   | Azalea         |                  |

### Prune these summer-flowering shrubs during winter dormancy:

|   |                 |             |
|---|-----------------|-------------|
| Abelia                                      | Beauty Berry    | Privet      |
| Hydrangea                                   | St. John's Wort | Itea        |
| Spirea ( <i>japonica</i> , <i>bumalda</i> ) | Rose of Sharon  | Caryopteris |

## Flowering Times of Shrubs

### Early Spring

|           |            |          |        |
|-----------|------------|----------|--------|
| Forsythia | Mahonia    | Spirea   | Azalea |
| Quince    | Spirea     | Viburnum | Pieris |
| Spicebush | Mid Spring | Sumac    |        |

### Late Spring/Early Summer

|                |             |              |               |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Chokeberry     | Kerria      | Itea         | Mockorange    |
| Butterfly Bush | Daphne      | Mt. Laurel   | Weigela       |
| Sweetshrub     | Deutzia     | Spirea       | Lilac         |
| Beautyberry    | Hydrangea   | Rhododendron | Potentilla    |
| Dogwood        | Cotoneaster | Tamarix      | Most Viburnum |
| Smokebush      |             |              |               |

### Mid/Late Summer

|                 |                |             |                |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Butterfly Bush  | Summersweet    | Beautyberry | Hydrangeas     |
| St. John's Wort | Potentilla     | Caryopteris | Butterfly Bush |
| Spirea          | Rose of Sharon |             |                |