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When to Prune Flowering Shrubs

Pruning flowering shrubs at the proper time is the key to promoting healthy, full, and abundant blossoms. Shrubs bloom at different times and also have different times that are best for pruning.

Spring Flowering Shrubs: *Prune 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	

Summer Flowering Shrubs: *Prune during dormancy*

Abelia	Beauty Berry	Privet
Hydrangea	St. Johns 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		