

# DECIDUOUS SHRUB PRUNING GUIDE FOR EASTERN CANADA

IN EARLY SPRING, ANY DEAD BRANCHES SHOULD BE CUT OUT, NO MATTER WHEN THE SHRUB IS TO BE PRUNED.

CHECK FOR DEAD BY FEELING BRANCH FOR COLD OR SCRATCHING TO SEE IF GREEN BELOW (CAUTIOUSLY).

THE FOLLOWING KEY IS MEANT AS A GUIDELINE ONLY, AND SPECIAL CASES MAY APPLY. IN GENERAL LATE SEASON PRUNING IS NOT A GOOD IDEA, AS IT MAY STIMULATE GROWTH THAT WILL THEN NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO HARDEN OFF BEFORE WINTER.

## PRUNING METHOD

- A PRUNE HARD IN EARLY SPRING
- B PRUNE ONLY AFTER FLOWERS HAVE FINISHED
- C USUALLY DOES NOT NEED PRUNING, USE CAUTION
- D SHAPE AS NEEDED, BUT NOT AFTER JULY 15
- E PRUNE HARD AFTER ALL RISK OF FROST FINISHED AND LEAVES STARTING TO SHOW
- G PRUNE LIGHTLY AFTER LEAVES START TO SHOW
- H THIN OUT WHOLE CANES WHEN PRUNING
- J FLOWERS ON 2ND YEARS GROWTH. PRUNE OUT ONLY CANES WITH OLD FLOWERS

## METHOD LATIN NAME (COMMON NAME)

- D ACER GINNALA (AMUR MAPLE)
- C ACER PALMATUM (JAPANESE MAPLE)
- B AMELANCHIER (SERVICEBERRY)
- D ARONIA (CHOKEBERRY)
- E BUDDLEIA DAVIDII (BUTTERFLY BUSH)
- D BERBERIS (BARBERRY)
- D CARAGANA ARBORESCENS (PEASHRUB)
- E CARYOPTERIS X CLANDONENSIS (BLUEBEARD)
- D CHAENOMELES (QUINCE)
- D & H CORNUS ALBA 'ARGENT.' (VARIEGATED DOGWOOD)
- C CORNUS ALTERNIFOLIA (PAGODA DOGWOOD)
- A & H CORNUS SERICEA (RED OSIER DOGWOOD)
- C COTINUS COGGGRIA (SMOKE TREE)
- A & D COTONEASTER ACUTIFOLIA (COTONEASTER HEDGE)
- A & D COTONEASTER HORIZONTALIS (ROCKSPRAY)
- A CYSTISUS DECUMBENS (BROOM)
- B DEUTZIA GRACILIS (DEUTZIA)
- D & H DIERVILLA LONICERA (BUSH HONEYSUCKLE)
- D ELEAGNUS ANGUSTIFOLIA (RUSSIAN OLIVE)
- G EUONYMUS ALATUS (BURNING BUSH)
- B FORSYTHIA (FORSYTHIA)
- A GENISTA LYDIA (BROOM)
- G HAMAMELIS VIRGINIANA (WITCHHAZEL)
- C HIBISCUS SYRIACUS (ROSE OF SHARON)

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- D HIPPOPHAE RHAMNOIDES (SEA BUCKTHORN)
- J HYDRANGEA MACROPHYLLA (LARGE LEAF HYDRANGEA)
- J HYDRANGEA ARBORESCENS (SNOWBALL PLANT)
- C HYDRANGEA PANICULATA (PG HYDRANGEA)
- C HYDRANGEA QUERCIFOLIA (OAK LEAF HYDRANGEA)
- H ILEX VERTICILLATA (WINTERBERRY)
- H KERRIA JAPONICA (JAPANESE ROSE)
- B KOLKWITZIA AMABILIS (BEAUTY BUSH)
- D LIGUSTRUM VULGARIS (PRIVET)
- D LONICERA (HONEYSUCKLE)
- C MAGNOLIA SOULANGIANA (SAUCER MAGNOLIA)
- C MAGNOLIA STELLATA (STAR MAGNOLIA)
- B MYRICA GALE (BAYBERRY)
- H PHILADELPHUS VIRGINALIS (MOCK ORANGE)
- D PHYSOCARPUS (NINEBARK)
- A & D POTENTILLA FRUCTICOSA (POTENTILLA)
- D & H PRUNUS CISTENA (PURPLE SAND CHERRY)
- B PRUNUS TRILOBA MULTIPLEX (FLOWERING ALMOND)
- H RHUS TYPHINA (SUMAC)
- D RIBES ALPINUM (ALPINE CURRENT)
- B & H SALIX DISCOLOR (PUSSY WILLOW)
- A SALIX HAKURO 'NISHIKI' (DAPPLED WILLOW)
- A SALIX PURP. GRACILIS (ARCTIC WILLOW)
- A SAMBUCUS CANADENSIS (ELDERBERRY)
- D SHEPHERDIA ARGENTEA (BUFFALO BERRY)
- A SORBARIA SORBIFOLIA (FALSE SPIREA)
- A SPIREA JAPONICA (SPIREA)
- B & H SPIREA VANHOUTTI (BRIDAL WREATH SPIREA)
- B STEPHANANDRA INCISA (LACE SHRUB)
- D SYMPHORICARPUS ALBUS (SNOWBERRY)
- B SYRINGA RETICULATA JAPONICA (JAPANESE LILAC)
- B SYRINGA VULGARIS (COMMON LILAC)
- A TAMARIX RAMOSISSIMA (TAMARISK)
- B VIBURNUM (VIBURNUM)
- H WEIGELA (WEIGELA)