

VALDES LAWN CARE AND SNOW REMOVAL

ATTACHMENT A

GENERAL SHRUB TRIMMING GUIDELINES

Plant care and Pruning instructions

WATERING- When it comes to watering trees, shrubs, and flowers, there isn't a simple formula. Soil texture is a key factor-clay soils can hold three times as much water as sandy soils. The temperature, rainfall, soil type, amount of sun/shade, and mulch will affect watering schedules. Check soil by moving stone or mulch aside, digging your finger down into the soil up to your second knuckle, and feeling for moisture. You want moist soil, not wet. If watering is needed, water to soak the soil deeply. This can be done by placing a hose on the ground at the base of the tree, turning the water on at a trickle, and let run for about 15 minutes. Deep watering leads to longer, more desirable, roots. Annuals and perennials have shallow root system. Check soil more frequently.

Deadhead- Removing old blossoms with a hand pruning shears.

Dormant- period when plant is not actively growing (late fall, winter, early spring)

| Plant Name | When to prune | How to prune |
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| Shrubs: | | |
| Pigmy Barberry Potentilla Goldmound spirea Little princess spirea Magic carpet spirea Annabelle hydrangea | Prune in spring when dormant and there are no leaves on the plant | Cut down to around 1-6" from the ground & round off |
| Roses, carpet | Prune in early spring when dormant Deadhead periodically | Cut down 6-12" and round off, leaving as many live canes as possible. Remove crossing and rubbing twigs. |
| Roses, shrub | Prune in early spring when dormant Deadhead periodically | Cut down 12-18" and round off, leaving as many live canes as possible. |
| Roses, climbing | Prune in early spring before flowering Deadhead periodically | Cut main shoots back by approx. 1/3 remove any small twiggy growth. |
| Gold flame spirea Gumball spirea Alba flora spirea Crispleaf spirea | Prune when dormant | Cut down to 1-6" from the grown (after 2-3 years when the plant is well established) |
| Alpine currant Amur maple Barberry Black chokeberry Burning bush | Prune when dormant &/or periodically throughout the summer | Prune to desired shape & size if needed |

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| Canada red cherry Coralberry | Prune when dormant &/or periodically throughout the summer | Prune to desired shape & size if needed |
| Cotoneaster Forsythia Koneysuckle Nanking cherry Ninebark Privet Purpleleaf plum Snowberry St. Johns wort Sumac, staghorn Willow | | |
| Dogwood Arrowwood virnurnum | Prune when dormant &/or periodically throughout the summer | Prune to desired shape & size. Also randomly cut out 1/3 of the oldest & thickest branches down at the ground level every year as the plant gets older. |
| Forsythia Lilacs Magnolia Rose tree of China Snowmound spires Bridal wreath spirea | Prune after they bloom in spring DO NOT GRIM IN FALL | Prune to desired shape and size only if needed |
| Elders Pee gee hydrangea Hibiscus Mockorange Viburnum Weigela | Prune when dormant | Prune to desired shape and size only if needed |
| EVERGREENS- | | |
| Arborvatae Juniper Yews | Prune in spring or summer | Prune once or twice to keep at desired shape & size |
| Mugo pine | Prune late in spring or early summer | When new shoots get between 1-2" before they open up; cut them in half to keep the plant round |
| Juniper Spruce All other evergreens | Prune in spring or summer | Prune to shape only if needed |
| <i>TREES</i> - wrap tree trunks with tree wrap every fall until the bark becomes rough. Remove wrap in early spring | | |
| Shade Trees Ornamental trees | Prune when dormant | Remove damaged, diseased, or crossing branches first. Then prune to desired shape |

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| Locust trees | | but only if needed |
| Flowering Crabapples | Prune when dormant | Do not cut the top of the tree off |
| Fruit trees | | Prune as above but keep the main branches trimmed in a spiral motion as they go up the tree. Do not cut the top of tree off |
| OTHER- | | |
| Perennials | Cut back after hard frost in late fall or early spring-after they have died back | For most perennials, cut down to the ground |
| BULBS- | | |
| | After they bloom in spring, cut off The spent flower head (seed) | cut down to the ground when the leaves turn entirely yellow-brown |
| VINES- | | |
| Boston Ivy Engleman Ivy Wisteria | Prune when dormant | Cut back damages or dead areas. |
| Clemantis | Depends on variety | Depends on variety |