

## ALL ABOUT PRUNING

### Pruning

Pruning is essential to provide healthy disease free plants and correct pruning techniques are required to achieve this healthy growth.

### Why do we prune

- To maintain shape
- To promote growth
- To remove dead and diseased wood
- To increase bushiness
- To improve flowering and fruiting
- For access
- For safety
- Flower production
- Air circulation
- Aesthetics

**Tools used** - Secateurs, hedge shears, long handled secateurs, extension pruners, chain saws, hedge trimmers, bow saws, pruning saws Tools must be sharp and sterilised so pests and diseases aren't spread from plant to plant. Care must be taken when cutting to avoid entry holes for pests.

**In general** - prune after flowering Less rather than more Think before you cut

### Types of pruning

- Tip pruning
- Dead heading
- Hardwood pruning
- Tree lopping

### Specialised pruning

- Roses
- Fruit trees
- Natives

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