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### Pruning Tips: Do's and Dont's

The most important pruning fact I'd like you to remember is this: The best time to prune shrubs is shortly after they are done flowering. The worst time is right before they flower, because you're cutting the flower buds off. A good example is Forsythia. If you prune them now, you're guaranteed to remove most of next spring's flowers. Now is a fine time to prune back Spirea, so they are ready to push fresh growth and blooms next June and July.



Roses and Hydrangea macrophylla, among others, benefit from deadheading all through the season. Deadheading stimulates immediate flower bud production. Just make sure to only prune out the spent flowers and seed heads, avoiding cutting any foliage where possible.

Remember, try not cut back your perennials until March/April. This allows the plants to store as many nutrients and sugars in the root system as possible. Even after the plant looks dead in November, it's still absorbing nutrients until January, in most years.



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