

Legend:

* = Best time to prune

x = Do not prune except to correct damage, hazards, or structural defects

- = Timing is not critical

Note:

1. Flowers are produced on new (current season) wood
2. Flowers are produced on wood from past season, pruning while dormant will reduce flowers
3. Make pruning cuts well below diseased wood (fire blight) - disinfect shears between cuts
4. Remove old stems to ground yearly to renew
5. Midseason shear if a formal hedge is desired
6. Do not cut into old wood that has no leaves or needles
7. Spring/summer prune to remove azalia caterpillars and galls
8. Fall/early winter pruning can reduce winter hardiness
9. Snap candles (new growth) in half when needles are 1/2 to 2/3 their normal mature length

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Otc	Nov	Dec	Note
Abelia	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	*	*	1,4
Almond, Flowering	x	x	x	x	*	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	2,4
Arborvitae	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	x	x	x	*	*	6
Aucuba	x	x	x	x	x	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	2
Azalea, Deciduous	x	x	x	x	*	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	2
Azalea, Evergreen	x	x	x	x	*	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	2,7
Barberry, Deciduous	x	x	x	x	*	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	2,4
Barberry, Evergreen	x	x	x	x	*	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	2,4
Bayberry	x	x	*	*	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Beautyberry	*	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	*	*	1,7
Beautybush (Kolkwitzia)	x	x	x	x	x	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	2,4
Boxwood	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	x	x	x	*	*	5
Broom (Cytisus)	x	x	x	x	x	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	2
Butterfly-bush	*	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	*	*	1
Camellia, Japanese	x	x	x	*	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	2
Camellia, Sasanqua	x	x	*	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	1
Chastetree (Vitex)	*	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	1
Cherry laurel (Prunus)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	x	x	x	*	*	5
Clethra, Summersweet	*	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	*	*	1
Cotoneaster, Deciduous	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	*	*	3
Cotoneaster, Evergreen	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	*	*	3
Crape Myrtle	*	*	*	x	x	x	-	-	-	x	x	x	1,8
Daphne, Fragrant or Winter	x	x	x	*	*	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	2
Deutzia	x	x	x	x	x	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	2,4

Dogwood, Redtwig	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	*	*	1,4
Eleagnus, Thorny	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X	X	X	*	*	
Euonymus, Deciduous	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	*	*	
Euonymus, Evergreen	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X	X	X	*	*	5
Forsythia	X	X	X	*	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	2,4
Fothergilla	X	X	X	X	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	2
Gardenia	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	*	*	1
Harry Lauder's Walking Stick	X	X	X	X	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	2
Hibiscus, Rose of Sharon, Althea	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	*	*	1
Holly, Deciduous	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	*	1
Holly, Evergreen	X	X	X	X	X	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	2,5
Honeysuckle	X	X	X	X	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	2,4,5
Hydrangea, Spring- blooming	X	X	X	X	X	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	2
Hydrangea, Summer- blooming	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	*	*	1
Hypericum, St. Johnswort	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1
Indian Hawthorn (Raphiolepis)	X	X	X	X	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	2
Jasmine, Winter	X	X	X	*	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	2
Juniper	*	*	*	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	*	*	6
Kerria (Globeflower)	X	X	X	X	X	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	2,4
Leucothoe	X	X	X	X	X	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	4
Lilac	X	X	X	X	X	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	2,4
Mahonia, Oregon Grapeholly	X	X	X	X	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	2,4
Mockorange	X	X	X	X	X	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	2,4
Mountain-laurel (Kalmia)	X	X	X	X	X	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	2
Nandina	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1,4
Osmanthus, Holly	*	*	-	-	-	*	X	X	X	X	*	*	1,5
Pearlbush	X	X	X	X	X	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	2
Photinia	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	X	X	X	*	*	5
Pieris	X	X	X	X	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	2
Pine, Mugo	*	X	X	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	*	9
Pittosporum	X	*	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Privet, Deciduous (Ligustrum)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X	X	X	*	*	5
Privet, Evergreen (Ligustrum)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X	X	X	*	*	5
Potentilla	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	*	*	*	1,4
Pyracantha	X	X	X	X	X	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	2,3
Quince	X	X	X	*	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	2,4
Rhododendron	X	X	X	X	X	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	2
Rose	X	*	*	X	X	X	*	*	X	X	X	X	1,3,4
Serviceberry	X	X	X	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	

Smoke Tree	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	*	*	1
Spirea Spring- blooming	x	x	x	x	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	2
Spirea Summer- blooming	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	1
Sumac	*	*	*	x	x	x	x	*	*	*	*	*	1,4
Sweetshrub, Carolina Allspice	x	x	x	x	x	x	*	*	x	x	x	x	1
Viburnum, Deciduous	x	x	x	x	*	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	2,4
Viburnum, Evergreen	x	x	x	x	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	2
Weigela	x	x	x	x	*	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	2,4
Willow, Pussy	x	x	x	*	*	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	2
Witchhazel	x	x	x	*	*	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	2
Yew	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	x	x	x	*	*	5