

INFORMAL SHRUB PRUNING continued

Pros (*continued*):

- ◆ Easier to reduce in size
- ◆ Easier to maintain at a given height
- ◆ Appropriate for cane type shrubs too (e.g., Nandina, Leea)
- ◆ Damage from people is less noticeable

Cons:

- ◆ Requires more skill to perform
- ◆ Generally more time consuming each pruning cycle
- ◆ May look out of place in a formal garden



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Dashed lines indicate branches to be removed through reduction pruning

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PRUNING SHRUBS



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SHRUB PRUNING GOALS

What is your purpose for pruning?

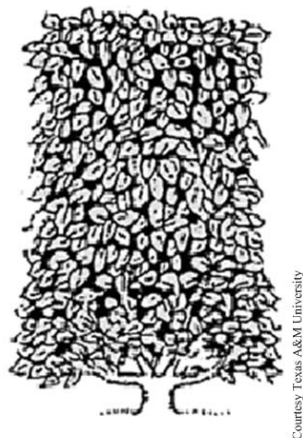
- ◆ Clearance from structures, property lines, other plants
- ◆ Sight line clearance for vehicles at corners and driveways
- ◆ To maintain size
- ◆ Appearance

SHRUB PRUNING STYLES

1. Formal
2. Informal

FORMAL SHRUB PRUNING

- ◆ Pruning into shapes – round, box, square, topiary
- ◆ Appropriate for small-leaved shrubs with leaves spaced close together. The shrubs must be tough enough to survive repeated shearing
- ◆ Appropriate for structured, formal landscapes – e.g., English gardens, Japanese gardens, a border hedge dividing properties
- ◆ Always prune so the top of the shrub is narrower than the bottom so the bottom foliage gets sunlight
- ◆ Tools: Hedge shears (manual or powered)



Good Shape – Lower branches get sun



Poor Shape – Lower branches shaded from sun

Pros:

- ◆ Doesn't require a lot of training or skills
- ◆ Looks neat (for a short time)
- ◆ Economical
- ◆ Can be a dramatic addition to the landscape (e.g. – Disneyland)

Cons:

- ◆ Frequent pruning cycle (grows out quickly)
- ◆ Much less flowering
- ◆ Tough to reduce size gradually
- ◆ All of the foliage grows on the outside of the plant
- ◆ Causes tangled, rubbing branches inside the shrub
- ◆ If a hedge is damaged, it has a void for a long time
- ◆ May look out of place in a natural garden

INFORMAL SHRUB PRUNING

- ◆ Appropriate for any species of shrub
- ◆ Similar pruning principals to tree pruning with reduction cuts to lateral branches with foliage
- ◆ Make pruning cuts at 6" to 24" inside the outer edge of the plant
- ◆ Tools: Hand shears (bypass style – similar to scissors), loppers, hand saw

Pros:

- ◆ Natural appearance, even just after pruning
- ◆ Flowering shrubs have more flowers
- ◆ Infrequent pruning cycle
- ◆ Looks neat for a longer period

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