PRUNING

Whether your landscape consists of perennials, shrubs, trees, or all of the above, you will need to do a little pruning each year to keep your plants looking fresh and upkept. Always remember to use a sharp pruner or hedge shearer and make clean cuts.

PERENNIALS

- Remove spent blooms throughout the season to encourage continued flowering
- Hardy perennials can be cut back and cleaned up in the fall
- Grasses and tender perennials should be cut back in the spring (the foliage will help insulate the roots)

SPRING FLOWERING SHRUBS

- Prune when the plant has finished flowering (in Late Spring to Early Summer)
- Do not prune in fall (if you do, the shrub will not produce their spring flowers)

*Chokeberry (Aronia)	Deutzia	*Lilac	Rhododendron
Azalea	*Dogwood	*Mockorange	Serviceberry
Bayberry	Elderberry	Ninebark	*Viburnum
Buckthorn	Exochorda	Privet	*Weigela
Cotoneaster	*Forsythia	*Prunus	*Willow
Currant (Ribes)	Kerria	Quince (Chaenomeles)	

*Benefit from renewal pruning: Removing 1/3 of the oldest branches at ground level yearly

SUMMER FLOWERING SHRUBS

- Prune when the plant has finished flowering (Late Summer to Fall)

Barberry	Euonymous	Itea	Stephenadra
Caragana	Genista	*Potentilla	Sumac
Clethra	Hydrangea	Sorbaria	
Smokebush (Cotinus)	Hypericum	*Spirea	

*Can be cut back heavily to ground every few years. Do this in spring or late fall after the leaves have dropped
- Roses: Prune in spring to shape and remove dead branches. Remove spent blooms throughout the summer to encourage continual flowering

DECIDUOUS TREES

- Prune when dormant (November through Mid-April)
- Remove branches that are growing toward the center of the tree
- Remove any weak, dead, or diseased branches
- Protect your trees from rabbits and sun damage with tree wrap through the winter months

EVERGREENS

- All varieties (except yews) can be lightly pruned anytime although mid-summer is preferred for heavy pruning
- Yews: Prune between March and mid-August

MISCELLANEOUS

- Witchhazel (Hammelis): Blooms in the fall, so prune in the spring
  Boxwood, Hazelnut (Corylus), and Amur Maple can be pruned anytime between March a