

Pruning

REASONS FOR PRUNING

To promote plant health and to enhance your properties look and function.

Prune to maintain plants; intended purposes such as:

- encouraging flower development
- maintaining a dense hedge
- maintaining a desired tree form or special garden forms.

Prune to improve plant appearance

- control plant size,
- keep evergreens well-proportioned
- remove unwanted branches, waterspouts, suckers, and fruiting undesirable structures that detract from plant appearance.

Prune to protect people and property.

- Remove dead branches.
- Prune out weak or narrow-angled tree branches that overhang homes, parking areas, and sidewalks — anyplace falling limbs could injure people or damage property.
- Prune branches that obscure vision at intersections.
- For security purposes, prune shrubs or tree branches that obscure the entry to your home.

PRUNING BEGINS AT PLANTING TIME

Pruning is really the best preventive maintenance a young plant can receive. It is critical for evergreens & young trees to be trained to encourage them to develop a strong structure.

Too many young trees or evergreens are pruned improperly or not pruned at all for several years. By then it becomes a major undertaking to get them back in to proper shape and form.