

# Trimming

## **NURSERY STOCK**

In general, you trim nursery stock after the plant has flowered, taking off no more than  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the new growth. Please contact staff at JJ's Acres for your plant's specific needs. Here are some general trimming guidelines:

**Spring Pruning shrubs:** Rhododendrons, Lilacs, and spring flowering Spireas.

**Roses:** Trim the plant at the 5 petal leaf after the blooms have faded.

**Hydrangeas:** Trim no more than  $\frac{1}{4}$ " of new growth off at a 45 degree angle in late fall or early spring.

**Mature Shrubs:** You may prune branches at anytime to create uniformity.

## **PERENNIALS**

Throughout the growing season deadhead perennials as the flower heads turn brown.

In fall, the majority of perennials should be cut back when they turn brown after the first hard frost. The exception to this rule are perennial grasses, Russian Sage, Pachysandra and Heucheras (cut these perennials back in spring).

## **DECIDUOUS TREES**

Its best to trim trees in fall or the dormant season (in general, the dormant season runs from mid-October-mid-May).

## **EVERGREEN TREES & SHRUBS**

Prune out dead evergreen branches in the spring, cut at the trunk. It is best to trim evergreens mid-August.



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