

A Guide to Successful Pruning, Evergreen Tree Pruning Calendar

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Legend:

* = Best time to prune

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

- = Timing is not critical

Note

1. Seldom needs pruning - remove multiple leaders, dead and broken branches
2. Don't prune into old wood having no leaves or needles
3. Prune during growing season to make more compact or dense
4. To avoid reducing berry production, don't prune during bloom period
5. Prune to prevent oak wilt infection
6. Prune to remove cankers
7. Flower buds set on previous season (old) wood; winter pruning will reduce spring flowering

	Jn	Fb	Mr	Ap	My	Jn	Jl	Ag	Sp	Oc	Nv	Dc	Note
Arborvitae	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	x	x	x	*	*	1,2
Atlas Cedar	*	*	-	-	-	-	x	x	x	x	*	*	1,2
Deodar Cedar	*	*	-	-	*	*	x	x	x	x	*	*	1,2,3
Chamaecy- paris	*	*	-	-	-	-	x	x	x	x	*	*	1,2
Fir	*	*	-	-	-	-	x	x	x	x	*	*	1,2

Hemlock	-	-	-	*	*	*	*	x	x	x	-	-	1,2,3
Holly (Evergreen)	*	*	-	x	x	x	-	x	x	x	*	*	4
Juniper/Red Cedar	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	x	x	x	*	*	1,2
Leyland Cypress	*	*	-	-	-	-	*	x	x	x	*	*	1,2,6
Magnolia, Southern	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	-	*	*	1,7
Oak, Live	*	*	-	x	x	x	x	x	-	-	*	*	1,5
Pine	-	-	-	*	*	*	x	x	x	-	-	-	1,2,3
Spruce	-	-	-	-	*	*	x	x	x	-	-	-	1,3

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