

I have some trees and shrubs I'd really like to prune back right now. Is it safe in the fall?

Pruning trees and shrubs in the Fall is not a good idea. When you prune, new growth begins. If a frost occurs, the new growth may be damaged because it did not have time to **“harden off”**, acclimate itself to the outdoor setting, before going in to the cold, winter temperatures. Secondly, we do not prune in the fall if the tree or shrub in question is spring-flowering. Spring bloomers set their flower buds on **“old wood”**. Pruning this type of plant now would remove the buds and diminish the plant's flowers in the spring!

Check us out in February when we will feature the mid winter pruning schedule, or contact the Prince George Cooperative Extension to get a complete pruning schedule!

