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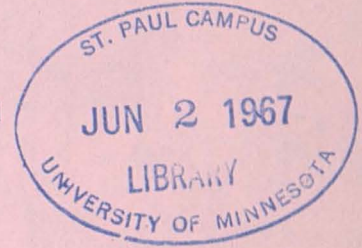
Yard 'n' Garden



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SUMMER PRUNING

Many gardeners are concerned about pruning during summer. Many pruning tasks can be done to improve the appearance of plant materials as well as to keep them flowering.

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In June you can prune the early spring-flowering shrubs. These include the flowering crabapple, the lilac, the early spring spireas, the Persian lilacs and flowering almonds. In pruning these materials it is desirable to keep in mind the natural form of the shrub.

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After the summer blooming spireas have flowered, the flower heads may be removed and they will bloom the second time. The summer-blooming spireas include the Froebel spirea and the Anthony waterer spirea.

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Prune roses after they have finished their bloom period in June. As soon as the flower has faded, cut back the stem to the first five leaflets to provide good strong buds which will produce a new flower shoot.

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Remove flowers on all annuals and perennials as soon as the flowers begin to fade and wither. By doing so, you will help keep flowering plants in bloom longer.

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