



Pruning Summer Flowering Shrubs for Late Winter or Early Spring

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Here is a list Shrubs that benefit from a good rejuvenating prune every 3 to 5 years. This allows them to look lush, full and it also encourages them to bloom more vigorously.

First start by reducing the height of the plant to as little a quarter of its original height. Then thin out about a third of the branches to open up the center. Remember these plants will be sending new shoots up throughout the growing season. They may look a little puny this year but they will definitely look a lot better toward the end of the growing season.

Barberry
Birch
Bluebeard*
Burning Bush
Butterfly Bush*
Coralberry
Crape Myrtle*
Dogwoods (Redtwig or Yellowtwig)*
Contorted Filbert
Forsythia
Heavenly Bamboo (Nandina)*
Hydrangea (Hydrangea paniculata)
Kerria
Ninebark
Oregon Grape*
Photinia
Potentilla*
Rose of Sharon
Spiraea*
Sweetspire
Weigelia*
Willow*

*These plants if heavily damaged, way to big, or just a nasty mess can be cut down to the ground and allowed to come back.