

*Take care of, Brighten up,
and Love your landscape!*

Landscape Tips for Fall and Winter



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SHADOW
CREEK
RANCH

Taking care of your fall landscape is essential for maintaining its beauty and ensuring a healthy garden for the upcoming seasons. Here are some tips to consider:

- ****Maintain Cleanliness****: Regularly remove weeds, debris, and dead plants to keep your landscape looking fresh and well-kept.
- ****Rake Leaves Regularly****: Keep your lawn and flower beds free of fallen leaves to avoid suffocating the grass and to prevent mold and mildew growth.
- ****Trim and Prune Plants****: Remove any dead or diseased branches from trees and shrubs. Pruning helps encourage healthy growth and improves the overall appearance of your landscape.
- ****Water Deeply****: Continue watering your plants, especially newly planted ones. Deep watering encourages strong root development before winter sets in.
- ****Check Your Irrigation System****: If you have an irrigation system, make sure it's winterized to prevent any damage from freezing temperatures.
- ****Enjoy the Season****: Take time to appreciate the changing colors, the crisp air, and the beauty of your fall landscape. A little maintenance can go a long way in keeping your outdoor space inviting.

Weeds, Weeds, and More Weeds

Weeds can quickly become a problem in your lawn! They can sprout up everywhere and fast. The good news– there is a way to tackle these pesky weeds:

POST-EMERGENT WEED CONTROL (AFTER weeds appear)

By spraying the weeds with an effective weed killer, you can eliminate them within a few weeks. *Image All-In-One Weed Killer* is a great option that is guaranteed not to burn your lawn and can kill tough weeds like crabgrass, dandelion, nutsedge, clover, and many others. You can apply it easily with a hose-end sprayer.



You can help prevent weeds from germinating by applying–

PRE-EMERGENT WEED CONTROL (BEFORE weeds appear)

Halts or *Preen Lawn* are two pre-emergent weed control products that are easy to find and effective.



****FOLLOW ALL LABEL INSTRUCTIONS WHEN USING ANY PRODUCT**



CHEAT SHEET



MARCH

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post-emergent

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MAY

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SEPTEMBER

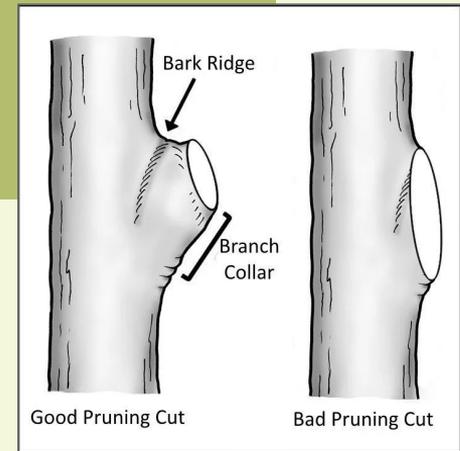
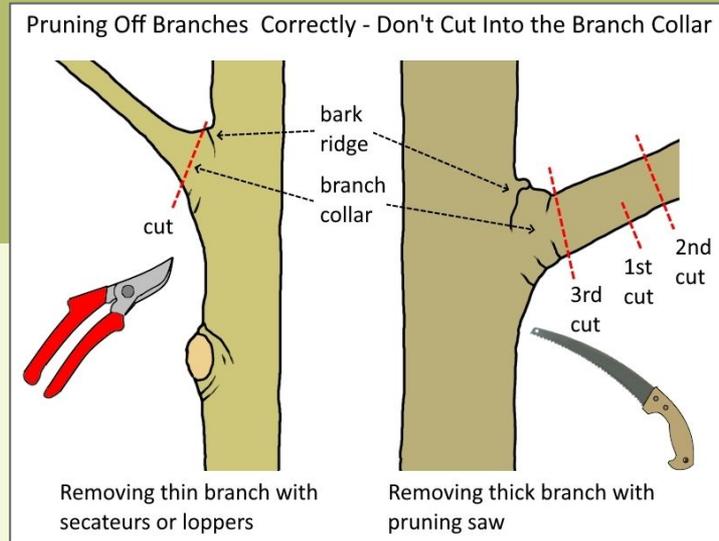
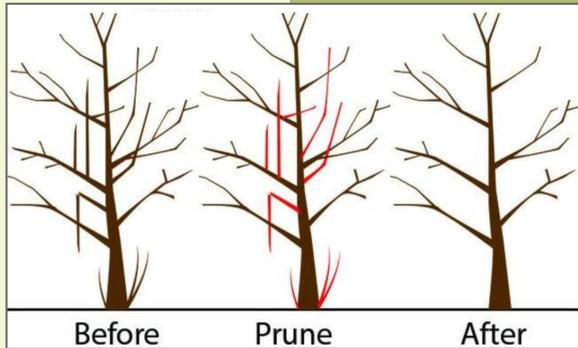
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****Begin in September, even if you didn't do
this in March or May! You can incorporate this
full routine in 2026.**

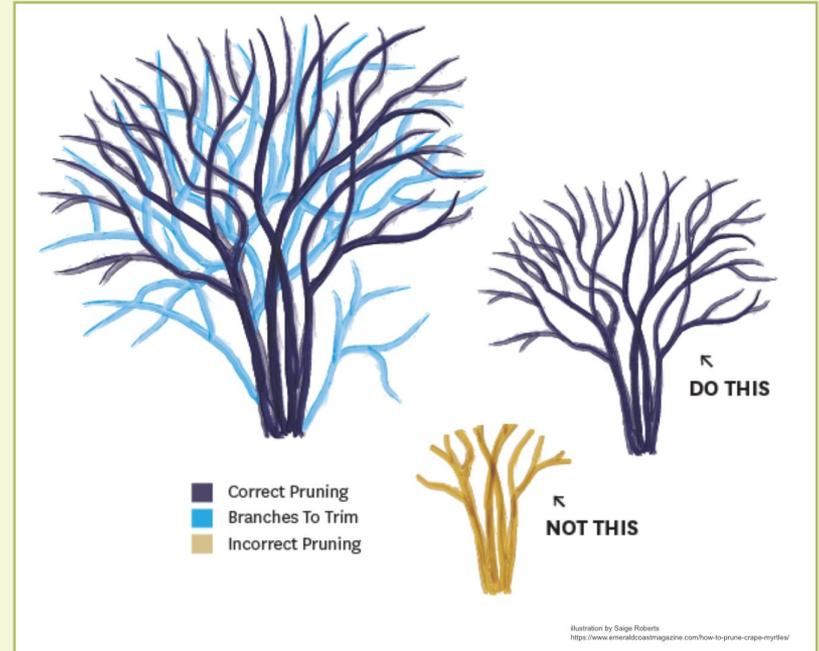
TREE PRUNING

When pruning your trees, be sure to remove all dead wood, broken branches, crossover branches, root sprouts, and suckers. This will help keep your trees healthy and vigorous. Make all cuts to a branch bark ridge, ensuring you leave a branch collar and do not create any stubs.



Correctly Pruning Ornamental Trees

- Remove low-hanging branches that interfere with walkways
- Remove broken and dead branches
- Remove crossover or rubbing branches
- Remove sucker growth off the base of the trunk or on the trunk
- Remove any branches growing into your home structure
- Do not cut back from the top leaving stubs



Add Colorful Flowers

Plant a variety of flowers that bloom at different times of the year to create a vibrant and inviting space.



FALL FLOWER

Marigolds

- Available in a variety of fall-friendly colors –orange, red, maroon, yellow, or mixed.
- Easy to grow and grow quickly, making them great for children or gardening beginners.
- Require full sun throughout the day to produce blooms all season long.
- Three common types are French, African, and Signet.
- Naturally repel pests such as rabbits, as they find the odor offensive.
- Typically associated with autumn, they do not thrive in cold weather, so plant now.



WINTER FLOWER **SWISS GIANT PANSY**

OTHER COMMON NAMES: Viola/ Violet

COLOR: White & Purple

BEST TIME TO PLANT: mid-September to early
October- to establish roots before winter

PLANT HEIGHT: 6-8”

PLANT SPACING: 6-9”

LIGHT REQUIREMENTS: Sun- Partial Shade

****Pansies thrive in the cool southern winter weather**

Plant Trees & Shrubs

Adding trees provides shade and structure, while shrubs can add fullness and a sense of privacy. Using a mix of tall, medium, and low plants can add depth and dimension to your landscape.



mulch

Adding a layer of mulch to flower beds helps retain moisture, suppress weeds, and insulate plant roots during colder months.

Recommended mulch depth should be about 2 to 2½ inches above the soil line in beds and around tree rings.

Use triple-ground, dark brown dyed mulch (double-ground can also be substituted if triple-ground cannot be located).

Quick and simple way to “dress up” your tree rings and beds.



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