

November Garden tips

General Pruning Guidelines:

Winter is a good time for pruning in many regions. Here are some tips and a list of common shrubs and trees to prune in late winter or early spring. Pruning deciduous plants in the winter promotes fast regrowth in the spring, as most plants are dormant during the winter. It's also easier to see the shape of deciduous plants in the winter, since their foliage is gone.

Prune on a mild, dry day. When pruning, first prune out dead and diseased branches. Then remove the overgrown and smaller branches to increase light and air at the crown of the tree. In general, your goal is to keep the branches that develop or maintain the structure of the tree. Cut branches at the node, the point at which one branch or twig attaches to another.



Visit the California Native Plant Society website for some more great information on pruning California natives - <http://www.cnps.org/cnps/grownative/pruning-kipping.php>

Dress to protect. Safety First:



Gear up to protect yourself from lawn and garden pests, harmful chemicals, sharp or motorized equipment, insects, and our cooler winter weather. Wear safety goggles, sturdy shoes, and long pants to prevent injury when using power tools and equipment.

Protect your hearing when using machinery. If you have to raise your voice to talk to someone who is an arm's length away, the noise can be potentially harmful to your hearing. Wear gloves to lower the risk for skin irritations, cuts, and certain contaminants.

Dress in layers to protect yourself during our cooler winter mornings and while it may be wintertime always wear sunscreen when working outdoors.

And the “classic garden joke” of the month is...

Where do apples love to take a vacation?
Fuji.

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