

## Prune Shrubs After Blooms

Shearing and clipping are good practices to use on a French poodle, but not on most ornamental plants say extension horticulturists.

Although there are some exceptions such as hedges-

pruning of ornamentals should preserve the natural shape of the shrub or tree, rather than make it symmetrical. This is accomplished by cutting back some of the branches, removing dead, diseased, weak, and broken branches, thinning out over-crowded areas, and by removing old branches of shrubs at ground level. This is more time-consuming than shearing, but the results improve flowering, beauty and

the general health of the plant.

There is a proper time of year to prune each type of shrub or tree to get good flowering and keep the ornamental in good health. Shade trees should be pruned right now unless the buds have started to swell greatly. Other plants that may be pruned now or in early spring include evergreens and late flowering shrubs — those that bloom in

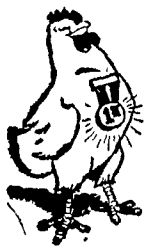
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late June, July and August. Early bloomers — those flowering in March, April, May and early June — should be pruned immediately after flowering.

For more information on pruning, contact your county agricultural agent. He has leaflets on pruning different types of plants.

### Tree Seedlings Need Care

Tree seedlings must be kept moist from the time they leave the nursery until they are planted, explains E. P. Farland, Penn State extension forester. He emphasizes that a good root system is essential to successful planting, so if the roots dry out rapidly they will be injured.



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