

- Make pruning cuts at a 45° angle.
- Never cut flesh with the main trunk or stem.
- Use bypass pruners for smaller stems, loppers for stems larger than half an inch in diameter, and a pruning saw for large stems and branches.
- If pruning out diseased material (stems and/or leaves with spots, powdery mildew, etc.), dip the pruners in a 1:10 part bleach to water solution between EACH cut.
- Never compost diseased material. Throw it in the trash.
- Prune out dead or dying stems year round.
- Look for crossing branches that touch each other, and prune out the one that's not growing directly outward.
- Prune out any vigorous growth that's too big or much longer than the rest of the stems/branches.
- Dead head any spent blooms with the bypass pruners.



Pruning cuts in relationship to stem buds

