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Yard 'n' Garden

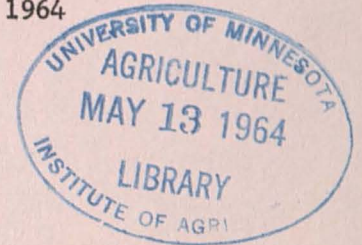
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SUMMER PRUNING

When spring-flowering shrubs have finished blooming, they can be pruned. These include Vanhoutte spirea, honeysuckle, mockorange, flowering currant, contoneaster and lilac.

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If you have selected the right location for the shrub, there will be little pruning to do. However, you will want to cut back some of the older stems to the ground to allow some of the younger wood to develop and become fruitful. Such pruning will also prevent a shrub from becoming over-sized.

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Tip pruning or heading back may be necessary where height must be controlled in front of windows.

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Hedges should be sheared during June. To keep a formal hedge green to the base of the plant, taper the sides for a 2-foot hedge 1½ to 2 inches; for a 3- to 4-foot hedge, taper the sides 4 to 5 inches. Hedging plants may benefit from a fertilization at pruning time to stimulate new growth.

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Throughout the summer remove dead branches and do corrective pruning.

Don't prune junipers, yews and arborvitae after July 15.

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