

Green Thumb Nursery

Caring for Non-Flowering Shrubs

Fertilize spring, summer, and fall with Sunniland 6-6-6 fertilizer.

A shrub is distinguished from a tree by its multiple stems and shorter height, usually less than 20 feet tall. Taller shrubs are typically used as hedges to create boundaries or provide privacy. Smaller shrubs are used in tiered landscape design where larger plants are placed behind or as centerpiece plant in smaller spaces.



Late fall and early winter is a good time to plant or transplant woody shrubs. Dig a hole that is twice the width of the root ball, but no deeper. Place the plant in the soil at the same level it was growing in the container or ground. We recommend you use ***Fertilome Root Stimulator*** as a soil drench after planting to reduce transplant shock and encourage strong root system development.

Pruning is done in the spring and fall to maintain or develop a desired size and shape. We recommend that no more than 1/3 of the height be removed when it is trimmed. Cut each branch separately to different lengths with hand pruners. This will maintain a neat informal shrub with a natural shape. Pruning cuts should not be visible, but located inside the plant, covered by the remaining foliage. Narrow leaved evergreens can be kept thick and shapely and have their growth restricted by cutting back the ends of the branches. Pinching back part of the new growth is the easiest way to create thickness.

There are two classes of bugs and insects that may attack your shrubs. The first is sap sucking insects that can be killed with either Malathion Oil or Systemic Insecticide w/Acephate. The second class is chewing insects that eat the plant tissue. These pests are best controlled with a biological insecticide like Thuricide or Spinosad that the pest takes into their stomach. Fungal infections can cause the shrub leaves to turn yellow or have yellow spots. We sell different types of fungicides to control these infections either topically or through the plant root system. We can assist you in diagnosing any problems with your plant if you bring in a sample branch.



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