



Reflection for Woody Ornamental Module

Pruning woody ornamentals can be a confusing topic for many gardeners. The text covers two basic techniques, the 3-point cut and the heading-back cut. When pruning trees and shrubs, you may employ a combination of both of these techniques.

Some strategies for maintaining shape in shrubs include renewal, thinning, deadheading, and shearing.

Consider shrubs in your neighborhood. Can you think of any that would benefit from a renewal pruning? Thinning? Shearing? Deadheading?

Why would you choose one strategy over another? What types of cuts would you use?