## hand pruning tools + supplies

Pruning by hand is healthier for your plants, cheaper, and requires less maintenance in the long run.

Interested in hand pruning your shrubs? Here is a short list of the tools you'll need to get started.

- **Hand pruners** also called bypass pruners
- Loppers long-handled pruners for larger branches and harder-to-reach spots
- Hand saw for branches that are too big for loppers
- Gloves and safety glasses for protection
- Dish soap and a scrubber to clean sap off of your blades
- **Sharpening tool** to ensure you have clean cuts
- **Oil** to help prevent rust and corrosion
- Rubbing alcohol to wipe down tools if pruning a diseased plant. This will help prevent the spread of disease.

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