



The Greenhouse

Rita's Monthly Gardening Tip! February 2008 – Pruning



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This is a good time to prune your fruit trees and perennial bushes. Each type of plant can have a different way to be pruned at different times of the year. For fruit trees such as apple and plums, take off branches that are dead, diseased or rubbing. Then stop and back away and look at the overall shape of the tree. Fruit trees should not have too much wood removed or you may see no fruit this year. Perennial

bushes like Mexican Salvia and Pineapple Sage do well to be cut all the way down. Remove all of the woody growth to the base of the plant. You can leave some of the new growth. If you are not sure how to prune one of your plants check out a book on pruning or ask someone who knows. Correct pruning improves the health, beauty of the overall plant and the amount and size of fruit and flowers.