

# **SUMMER PRUNING**

## **1. The Basics of How to Prune**

- Making proper cuts
- Pinching, Thinning, Heading Back, and Shearing
- Use the right tool for the right job and keep 'em sharp!

## **2. Why prune?**

- Increase fruiting/flowering
- Improve shape/health of plant
- Have a purpose! Everything does not have to be pruned every season!

## **3. Know your plants**

- Watch for diseases and bad branch structure/crossing limbs
- Prune after bloom – always a good rule to live by
- The 1/3 rule – never more than 1/3 of plant a season
- Right plant in the right spot – then you won't have to prune as much!
- Know what blooms on old wood vs. new wood!

## **4. What I look to prune in summer**

- All Evergreens and Hedges
- Japanese Maples and other Trees – thinning out crowns
- Protecting your fruit trees and berries
- Rhododendrons, Azaleas, Pieris, and other spring bloomers
- Deadheading for repeat flowering
- No more pruning much past August

**We're giving attendees an extra special to celebrate Pollinator month at Sunnyside – Natural Rose Rx 3-1 spray (Neem Oil) in both quart RTU and pint concentrate 40% off. Use this to be pollinator safe and only spray when bees are not active/avoid spraying into flowers.**

**All pruning tools are on 20% off as well for class attendees.**