



# Autumn Color

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## Preparing your Garden for Winter

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# Bedding Plants

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For Autumn Color

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# Dianthus



# Lobelia

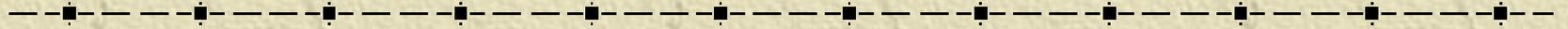
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# Sweet Alyssum



# Cleome



# Gaillardia

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# Pansy

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# Petunia

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# Snapdragon

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# Verbena

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# Ornamental Cabbage

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# Cyclamen



# Kalanchoe



# Chrysanthemum

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# Choosing Plants at the Nursery

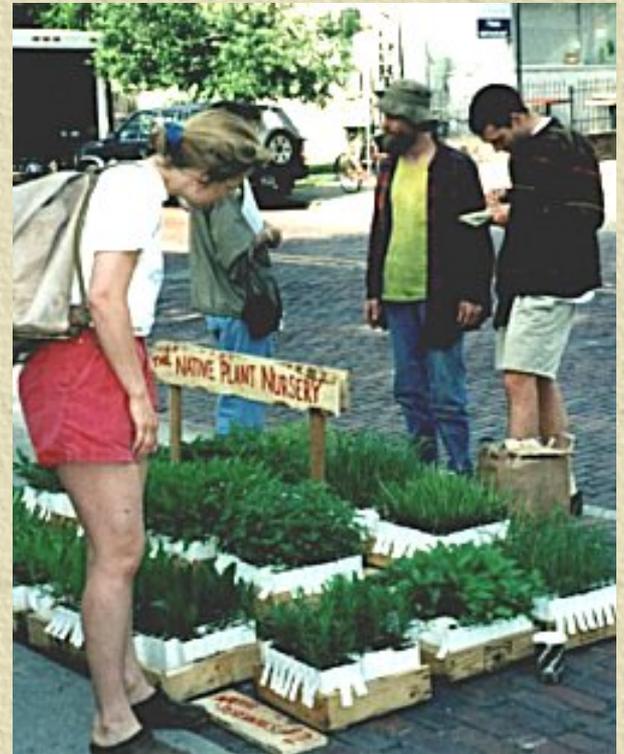
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## ✦ Consider site conditions

✦ “Right Plant,  
Right Place”

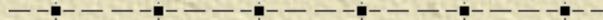
## ✦ Choose healthy plants

✦ Look at roots, foliage,  
and color of plants





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# Mulch

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- ✦ Renew mulch layers around ornamentals
  - ◆ Conserves moisture to help protect plants



# Pruning

✦ Complete major pruning before November



# Why do we Prune?

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- ✦ Maintain, improve vigor of plants
- ✦ Control plant size and form
- ✦ Train young plants
- ✦ Influence flowering and fruit production
- ✦ Safety pruning
- ✦ Rejuvenate old plants

# Proper Pruning

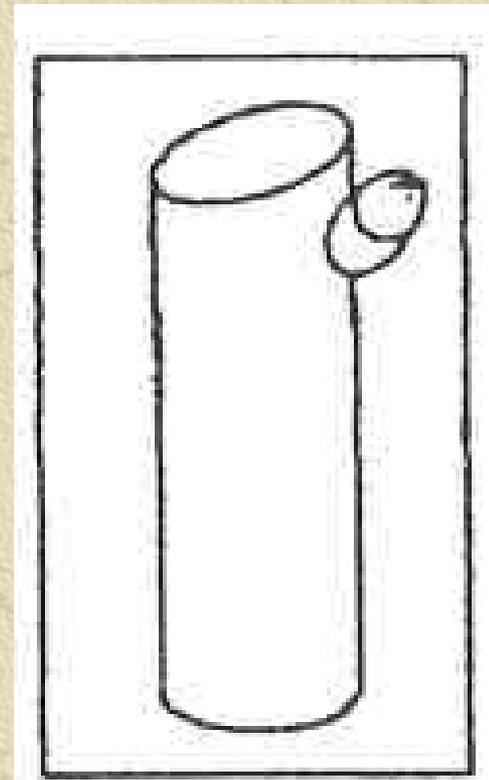
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✦ To produce denser, fuller shrubs and trees

- ◆ Cut to bud or node
- ◆ Called “heading”

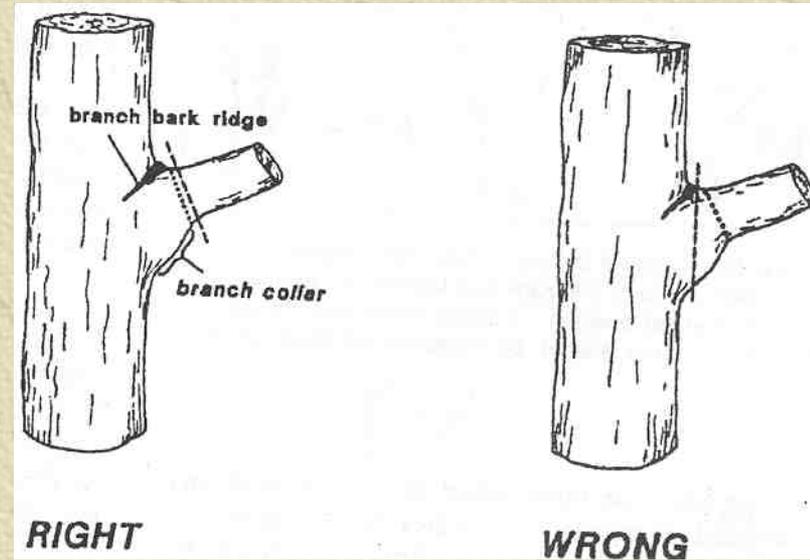
✦ To make trees or shrubs more “open”

- ◆ Remove limbs completely
- ◆ Called “thinning”



# Proper Pruning

- ✦ First remove dead, broken, and diseased branches
- ✦ Remove limbs that cross or touch each other
- ✦ Select prune shrubs to create natural look
- ✦ Leave “collar” when pruning trees



# Very Important!

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**Do not prune spring  
flowering plants after  
late spring/early  
summer!**

# Composting

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- ✦ Reduces solid waste
- ✦ Creates organic material for gardens
- ✦ Saves you money



# Cold Protection

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- ✦ Watch the weather reports
- ✦ Cover tender plants
  - ◆ Use sheets or cardboard
  - ◆ Do not allow material to touch plants
  - ◆ Remove immediately in morning
- ✦ Do not prune injured plants until spring



# Other Landscape Notes

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- ✦ Do not expose poinsettias to artificial light
- ✦ Fertilize annuals monthly
- ✦ Divide overgrown perennials
- ✦ Plan for next year's vegetable garden

