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The Newest Trend: No-Trim Shrubs

Put away the hedge trimmer. Store the pruning shears. Shrubs are finally behaving themselves and are growing like we tell them—well, almost. Today's shrubs are unlike those of previous decades. Plant breeders have been busy developing shrubs that require less effort and maintenance.

Today's shrubs have been bred to grow to heights that are more manageable. You may still have to get the trimmer out every other year to shape a shrub or the pruner may have to be oiled up and used to remove old branches, but by choosing wisely you can reduce effort significantly.

If you think low-maintenance shrubs aren't attractive, think again. Breeders have succeeded in selecting not only more manageable plants but also are finding very appealing varieties as well. Variegated foliage, better flowers, and leaf colors other than green are among the advancements noted in recent years. Deciduous in nature, these varieties lose their foliage in the winter. For all-season color, you may not want to abandon evergreens all together, but these new shrubs are worth a look.

Shrubs in perennial gardens

Traditionally, shrubs are thought of as accents to decorate homes. With the interesting foliage and upright nature of many of these new shrub varieties, there is a trend to use these as accents in perennial gardens.

Tall perennials have their place in a well-planned garden, but often require staking to keep upright. These newer varieties of shrubs hold their upright posture, a plus for low maintenance in the perennial garden. Some, like the wide range of hydrangeas, also bloom at the end of summer and provide color as other flowers fade. In fact, hydrangeas hold their flower forms into the winter and are interesting even after the snow flies. ❧

Here's a list of some of the newer shrub varieties we recommend along with their maximum heights and a brief description.

New shrub variety	Max height	Description
Endless Summer Hydrangea	36-48"	Blue Flower, Rebloomer
Quickfire Hydrangea Tree	84"	Small Flowering Tree
My Monet Weigela	18"	Variegated Foliage, Flowers
French Lace Weigela	54"	Variegated, Scarlet Flowers
Summer Wine Ninebark	48-72"	Burgundy Foliage
Helmond Pillar Barberry	48-54"	Narrow Upright Burgundy Foliage
Concord Barberry	18"	Burgundy Foliaged Sphere
Golden Elf Spirea	8-12"	Golden Foliage
Dakota Gold Charm Spirea	16"	Golden Foliage
PJM Elite Rhododendron	54"	Early Spring Lavender Flowers
Nishiki Willow	60"	Variegated and White Foliage (Unique)
Fireball Burning Bush	72"	Bright Red Fall Color
Boomerang Purple Lilac	60"	Reblooming Lilac
Dream Catcher Kolkwitzia	84"	Golden Foliage for Shade
Crème De Mint Dogwood	54"	Variegated Foliage on Yellow Twigs
Arctic Fire Dogwood	48"	Short With Red Twig, Winter Interest
Cool Splash Honeysuckle Bush	42"	Variegated Foliage and Yellow Flowers

Top Planting Tips

1. Check above and below for obstructions, especially buried power lines.
2. Dig the hole larger than the root ball by 6" on all sides, but about the same depth. Some trees and shrubs will suffer if planted too deep.
3. Loosen the soil at the bottom of the hole and remove soil so the surface of the planted shrub will be the same as the surrounding area.
4. (Optional) Put a small amount of control release fertilizer or root stimulator at the bottom of the hole.
5. Pour water into the hole to moisten the loosened soil at the bottom of the hole.
6. After removing the tree or shrub from the container, loosen the roots of the root ball.
7. The surface of the root ball should be even with the surrounding surface.
8. Trees should be staked for support and the trunk should be protected from damage by deer, rabbits and mice.
9. Water the planting by adjusting the hose to a trickle for one hour. ❧

Hours

April 15 - April 30
 Monday - Saturday • 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday • 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

May 1 - June 12
 Monday - Saturday • 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Sundays • 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Memorial Day • 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

June 13 - June 30
 Monday - Saturday • 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday • 10:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

July 1 - October 9
 Tuesday - Saturday • 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Closed Sundays and Mondays
 Closed Independence Day and Labor Day



We're open all summer long!

Quick Hint

Newly planted trees and shrubs are most vulnerable in their first two seasons of growth. They need 1" of water per week. Adjust the hose to a slow trickle, place it next to the base of the tree or shrub and let the water trickle for about an hour. This allows the water to soak in deep into the soil.

You're Invited to Our Planting Workshop

When:
 Tues., April 6 at 5:15 p.m.
Cost:
 \$58 + tax

A Touch of Spring Is Here

Don't settle for a routine hanging basket this year. Create your own work of art at our Touch of Spring workshop at Chippewa Valley Growers. Our expert gardeners will be on hand to offer advice. Your 14" diameter hanging basket can include up to 10 premium plants of various varieties. After you plant the basket, we'll care for it in our greenhouse. We'll call you when it's ready to take home (between May 15-30). The session cost is \$58 (plus tax; payable on April 6 by cash, check or credit card) and includes the basket, plants and advice on how to choose plants and arrange the basket.

Please wear appropriate clothing for planting. Reservation is required; the number of participants is limited. Call us today at 715-839-8448 to sign up for the session.



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