



**THE  
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GUY™**

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**"Always doing my part to keep the world green"**

## SEASONAL LANDSCAPE & LAWN CARE TIPS

### WINTER SEASON

#### **Pruning in the winter and the tools we use.**

A large variety of woody plants benefit from pruning and shaping once a year. Most of deciduous trees and shrubs can be pruned in the winter and we do a lot of this service for customers at winter rates. Two reasons are; stems, branches, and limbs are bare, making the job easier when pruning, and also the cold crisp, clean winter air is free of a lot of diseases and airborne bacteria. Shrubs and conifers still grow in the winter but much slower in Jan and Feb and March. We do a lot of pruning, shaping and trimming in winter. Oh, and about spraying paint on after a cut, I say no, because very often these products have a petroleum base which is not good for the tree.

I believe in this; nature always finds a way to heal herself. Another little tip, after pruning a few for example, spray a mixture of 10% bleach and 90% water from a spray bottle on your pruning tool before going on to another shrub. This will help prevent disease or bacteria from an unhealthy shrub transferring to a healthy shrub. Regarding our tools, The Shrub Guy™ staff use the best Felco pruners, silky saws, and Corona loppers. You can Google these products and names to learn more about these tools are. Happy winter pruning and shaping!

### SPRING SEASON

#### **Why would I plant lots of perennials with a touch of annuals in the Spring?**

First, with our present economy every dollar counts. In the spring we all feel just like a new beginning is upon us. We want to make everything nice again. Perennials come in 100's of beautiful colors, shapes, sizes, textures, and there are many colorful grasses. Blossoms, fragrance smell; there is so much to choose from. Also price; after a one time investment, within a few years perennials may be split in late fall and make more of them at no cost, just your labor of love in the garden. We at TaXus do perennials and annual gardens with rock and stone. Annuals are colorful but, after a season and first frost, they are pretty much gone.

At Country Brook Farms in Hudson during the month of May they have 100's of colorful and healthy perennials and grasses. If you are planning to add to or improve the plantings and landscaping around your home or business consider shopping in the Spring at Country Brook in Hudson. If you Google perennials in New Hampshire and you will open up a new world of color for your home and garden.

### FALL SEASON

#### **Prep your landscaping and plants for winter.**

ALWAYS prune your plants after flowering is over; a very important time of the cycle. Many plants that flower, die after blooming. Once the process is over it's their time to be pruned of dead blossoms, branches, etc. For Lilacs, hedges and bushes, once all the beautiful fragrant blossoms turn brown, prune the wild sucklings and over grown leggy branches with sharp cuts, clean, and neat at all times. Forsythia get the same care; let it flower then prune and cut back, if desired.

Always remember for Summer flowering shrubs, prune in late winter or early spring, and they will still bloom in summer. Please remember that many of our customers call us to prune lilacs, so call early to schedule your services.

**New Hampshire landscaping company TaXus Capitata Landscaping & Shrub Planting Company, The Shrub Guy™** provides landscaping services, pruning, trimming and planting of shrubs, trees, bushes, hedges and flowers of all types, landscape design, tree service and lawn maintenance by professional landscapers in Nashua and the surrounding New Hampshire communities.

#### **We Can Answer Your Questions!**

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Thank you!