



Why Prune?

1. Shape
2. Light and air
3. Dead, diseased, damaged
4. Control size? (every year and with care, its difficult to reduce size)

Don't prune too much, max 30%













When to Prune

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May		Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Apple	Main winter prune						Pinch prune restricted forms like cordons and espaliers only		Summer pruning of new shoots to check vigour & increase fruiting				
Pear Quince Meddler Hawthorns	Main winter prune												
Plum * Cherry * Peach * Nectarine * Apricot * Almond *						In warm weather when properly in growth			Immediately after fruiting best, maybe harvesting last fruit in process				
Mulberry Walnut	Mid winter when cold												
Fig			Main prune after last serious frost				Shorten new shoots??						

How to Prune

Always cut back to:

- A bud
- A side shoot no less than half the thickness of what you are cutting out
- A more major branch or the trunk

Cut 2

Saw down
through branch



Cut 1

Partially cut up into
branch $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ of
the way through



Cut 3

Saw through branch just
outside the branch collar



Branch
collar
swelling









Rootstocks

