

Salvaging Sheared Plants

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Common Name	Plant Name	Season to Treat	Radical Pruning	Restoration
Anacacho-orchid Tree	<i>Bauhinia lunarioides</i>	late winter		Gradual selective thinning
Arizona Rosewood	<i>Vauquelinia californica</i>	late spring		Gradual selective thinning
Autumn Sage	<i>Salvia greggii</i>	late spring	cut back to base	
Baja Fairy Duster, Red Fairy Duster	<i>Calliandra californica</i>	late spring	cut back to 6-8"	To restore natural form, cut selected stems back to base
Bee Brush, Whitebrush	<i>Aloysia gratissima</i> (<i>A. lycioides</i>)	late winter	cut back to 1'	
Black Dalea	<i>Dalea frutescens</i>	late winter, early spring	cut back to 6-8"	
Blue Mist	<i>Caryopteris x clandonensis</i> 'Dark Knight'	winter	cut back to 4"	
Bougainvillea	<i>Bougainvillea sp.</i>	late winter	cut back to 6-8"	
Brittlebush	<i>Encelia farinosa</i>	late spring	cut to ground	
Broom Snakeweed	<i>Gutierrezia sarothrae</i>	late spring or late fall	cut back to 4"	
Bush Lantana	<i>Lantana camara</i>	late winter, early spring	cut back to ground	
Bush Morning Glory	<i>Convolvulus cneorum</i>	late spring		Cut back to 1/2 size
Chamisa, Rubber Rabbitbrush	<i>Ericameria</i> or <i>Chrysothamnus nauseosus</i>	late spring	cut back to 6-8"	
Chaparral Sage	<i>Salvia clevelandii</i>	late summer, early fall	cut back to 6-8"	
Chaste Tree, Monk's Pepper Tree	<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	late winter	cut back to 8-12"	Gradual selective thinning (for tree form)
Chuparosa	<i>Justicia californica</i>	late spring	cut to ground	
Creosote	<i>Larrea tridentata</i>	winter	cut back to 8-12"	
Damianita	<i>Chrysactinia mexicana</i>	late spring		Cut back to 1/2 size
Desert Broom	<i>Baccharis sarothroides</i>	fall to spring	cut to ground	
Desert Milkweed	<i>Asclepias subulata</i>	late winter to spring	cut stems to base	
Desert Ruellia	<i>Ruellia peninsularis</i>	late winter, early spring	cut back to 6-8"	
Desert Saltbush	<i>Atriplex polycarpa</i>	late winter	cut back to 6-8"	
Desert Spoons	<i>Dasyllirion</i> spp.			Let new growth hide sheared leaves
Desert-honeysuckle	<i>Anisacanthus thurberi</i>	late winter	cut back to 1/2 size	
Desert-lavender	<i>Hyptis emoryi</i>	late fall or late spring	cut back to 6-8"	
Fire Bush, Firecracker Bush	<i>Hamelia patens</i>	late winter, early spring	cut back to 4-6"	
Four-winged Saltbush	<i>Atriplex canescens</i>	late winter	cut back to 6-8"	
Germander	<i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i>	late spring or fall, winter	cut stems to base	
Globemallow	<i>Sphaeralcea ambigua</i>	late spring	cut back to 4-6"	
Goldeneye	<i>Viguiera parishii</i> (<i>V. deltoidea</i>)	late fall, winter	cut back to 6"	
Hopbush	<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>	late fall to spring	cut back to 8-12"	
Indian-mallow, Superstition-mallow	<i>Abutilon palmeri</i>	late winter	cut back to 8"	
Joboba	<i>Simmondsia chinensis</i>	late spring or late fall	cut back to 12"	
Littleleaf Cordia	<i>Cordia parvifolia</i>	late winter	cut back to 6-8"	
Mexican Bush Sage	<i>Salvia leucantha</i>	late winter, early spring	cut to ground	
Mexican Fire™	<i>Anisacanthus quadrifidus</i> v. <i>wrightii</i>	late winter	cut back to 4-6"	
Mexican-honeysuckle	<i>Justicia spicigera</i>	late fall or late spring	cut back to ground	
Monterrey Blue™	<i>Dalea bicolor</i> v. <i>bicolor</i>	late winter, early spring	cut back to 6-8"	
Mountain Delight™	<i>Dalea versicolor</i> v. <i>sessilis</i>	late spring	cut back to 6-8"	
Mt. Lemmon Marigold	<i>Tagetes lemmonii</i>	late winter, early spring	cut back to 4-6"	
Muhly Grasses	<i>Muhlenbergia</i> spp.	winter or thru mid-summer	cut back to ground	

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Ocotillo	<i>Fouquieria splendens</i>	any season	cut stems to base	
Oleander	<i>Nerium oleander</i>	late spring	cut back to 6-8"	Remove 1/3 of largest stems annually
Orange Jubilee	<i>Tecoma</i> x 'Orange Jubilee'	late winter, early spring	cut back to 6-8"	
Pink Fairy Duster	<i>Calliandra eriophylla</i>	late spring	cut to ground	
Prairie Sagebrush, Western				
Mugwort	<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i>	late winter	cut to ground	
Quailbush	<i>Atriplex lentiformis</i>	late winter	cut back to 6-8"	
Red-bird of paradise	<i>Caesalpinia pulcherrima</i>	winter	cut back to 6-8"	
Red-yucca	<i>Hesperaloe parviflora</i>	fall to spring	cut leaves to base	
Rockrose	<i>Pavonia lasiopetala</i>	late winter, early spring	cut back to 4-6"	
Rosemary	<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	late spring	do not stump back	Light tip pruning over extended time
Rosemarymint	<i>Poliomintha maderensis</i>	late winter, early spring	cut back to ground	
Rough Wedelia, Rough-zexmenia	<i>Wedelia texana (Zexmenia hispida)</i>	late winter	cut to ground	
Russian-sage	<i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i>	late fall, winter	cut back to ground	
Sennas, Australian	<i>Senna</i> spp.	late spring	cut back to 8-12"	Remove 1/3 of largest stems annually
Sweetbush	<i>Bebbia juncea</i>	late spring	cut back to 4-6"	
Texas Ebony	<i>Ebenopsis ebano</i>	late spring		Begin selective thinning after 1 year grow-out
Texas Mountain-laurel	<i>Sophora secundiflora</i>	late spring		Gradual selective thinning
Texas Ranger, Barometer Bush	<i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i>	late fall to early spring	cut back to 12"	
Tree Mallow	<i>Lavatera maritima</i>	late winter, early spring	cut back to 6-8"	
Triangle-leaf Bursage	<i>Ambrosia deltoidea</i>	late winter, early spring	cut back to 2"	
Trixis	<i>Trixis californica</i>	late spring	cut back to 4-6"	
Turpentine Bush	<i>Ericameria laricifolia</i>	late winter	cut back to 4-6"	
Valentine®/Cupid Emu Bush	<i>Eremophila maculata</i>	late spring	cut back to 6-8"	
Wooly Butterflybush	<i>Buddleia marrubiifolia</i>	late fall or winter	cut back to 6-8"	
Yellow and Desert-bird of paradise	<i>Caesalpinia gilliesii</i>	winter	cut back to 6-8"	
Yellow Bells, Esperanza	<i>Tecoma stans</i>	late winter, early spring	cut back to 6-8"	
Yellow Bush Dalea	<i>Dalea lutea</i>	late fall to early spring	cut back to 6-8"	
	<i>Dalea dorycnoides</i>	late spring	cut back to 6-8"	