



Tree School Pruning Calendar for Albuquerque: First Edition!

Note: These are the most optimal times from my own experience. There are always exceptions, and things are shifting as our climate shifts.

This is evolving -- please use, share, and give feedback.

Oct - Nov: a bit of tidying and shaping in the garden, but remember to leave the leaves and keep things wild for our wildlife family. They need cover/shelter over the winter.

Nov - Feb: evergreens (pine, juniper, piñon, spruce, cedar, yew, holly) + pokey things (you can wear extra layers of clothing)

Jan -Mar: fruit and nut trees

Jan - Apr: grapes, raspberries, currants, blackberries

Jan - Sept: training young trees for good structure/form

mid-Feb - Mar: roses

Feb - May: butterfly bushes, rose of Sharon, crape myrtle, vitex, desert willow

Feb - Apr: winter cleanups of perennials and xeric plants

April - Oct: boxwoods

April - Sept: large deciduous trees (wounds close/compartmentalize better in large trees when pruning happens in the growing season, not while completely dormant)

May - June: crabapples

May - Sept: climbing roses, lilacs, forsythia, quince (after they've finished their spring flowering)

May - Oct: wisteria, honeysuckle, red trumpet vine, and many other vines

Jun -Aug: dead-wooding

Year-round except when very cold: pyracantha (except when flowering), NM olive and other hardy shrubs, cactus, large tree removals, all things overgrown and tangled.

