

SEASONAL PRUNING AND CARE GUIDE FOR ANNUAL & PERENNIAL FLOWERS:

1. Seasonal Pruning:

- **Spring**: Trim back any dead or damaged growth from the winter months. Cut back any overgrown areas to promote new growth.
- Summer: Deadhead spent flowers to encourage continuous blooming. Trim back leggy growth to maintain a compact shape.
- Fall: Cut back any frost-damaged foliage and prepare the plants for winter dormancy.
- Winter: Minimal pruning is needed during this time, focus on removing any dead or diseased branches.

2. Frequency:

- **Perennial Flowers:** Prune dead or damaged growth as needed throughout the growing season. Perform a more thorough pruning in early spring and late fall.
- Annual Flowers: Deadhead spent flowers regularly to promote continuous blooming. Trim back leggy growth as needed.
- Ground Covers: Trim back overgrown areas as needed to maintain a tidy appearance.

3. Amount:

- **Perennial Flowers:** Remove no more than one-third of the plant's growth during each pruning session to avoid stressing the plant.
- Annual Flowers: Deadhead spent flowers regularly to promote new growth.
- Ground Covers: Trim back overgrown areas to prevent them from smothering other plants.

4. Time of Year:

Perennial Flowers: Perform major pruning in early spring and late fall. Minor pruning can be done as needed throughout the growing season.

Annual Flowers: Regular deadheading and trimming can be done throughout the growing season.

Ground Covers: Trim back overgrown areas as needed to maintain a neat appearance.

5. Soil Moisture Check: Regularly check the soil moisture around the plants to ensure they are receiving adequate water. Adjust watering practices based on soil moisture levels and weather conditions.

6. Signs of Overwatering/Underwatering: Watch for signs of overwatering (wilting, yellowing leaves) and underwatering (dry, crispy leaves). Adjust watering practices accordingly.

By following these science-backed guidelines, you can ensure the proper care and maintenance of your perennial flowers, annual flowers, and ground covers throughout the seasons.



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