

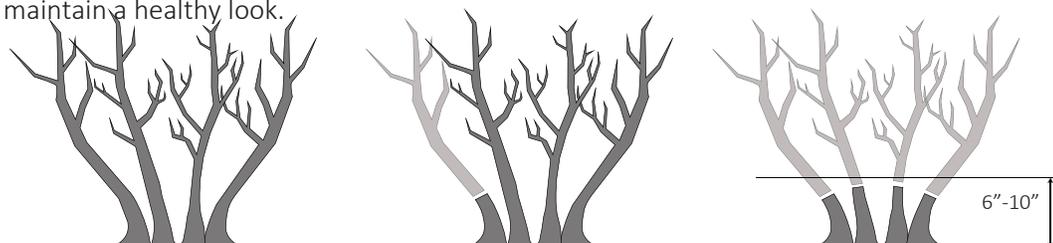
# Rejuvenation Pruning

## *Mature Texas Ranger*



## What, why & when Rejuvenation Pruning?!

Do you have overgrown or woody shrubs on your property much like this Texas Ranger pictured to the left? Rejuvenation pruning can help! Rejuvenation pruning is done to revitalize shrubs. However, not all shrubs can handle this type of pruning. The most common candidates for Rejuvenation Pruning are Acacia, Oleanders, Sage and Texas Rangers. This type of prune resets the plants natural growing tendencies. Years of shearing the shrub can diminish new growth and if the plant is unable to re-establish it's growing pattern then it's health will start to decline, and the shrub will ultimately perish. This type of pruning can be done annually or biannually depending on the shrub and will maintain a healthy look.



## They're killing my landscape?!

It may seem like the landscapers are killing your shrubs but in reality, it's beneficial for the plant to receive this hard prune and restart its life cycle. Sometimes you must realize when it's time to start over. After years of shearing and when most of the plant is woody is usually the best time. The cuts for the prune should be about 6" to 10" from the plants base. This should be done before the growing season but not when it's too cold. If this is done in the winter when it's too cold the plant might not be able to survive a frost. However, when temperatures are right the plant will blossom like a new shrub.

## What does it mean when a plant goes Dormant?!

You may hear of plants like Lantana or Birds of Paradise going "Dormant" in the winter months. These plants thrive in the heat of the summer but when it gets colder, they suffer from "frost damage" and can give an appearance of a dead shrub. However, their root system penetrates deep enough to stay warm during the winter and when the heat comes back these shrubs will revitalize.

## *Pruned Texas Ranger*



## *Dormant Lantana*



## *Cutback Lantana*



## *Revitalized Lantana*



## *Rejuvenated Texas Ranger*



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You should always consult your landscape specialist before deciding to budget for these types of prunes. There are many factors at play; fertilization, age of the plant, and micro-climate conditions just to name a few. If you feel your property is ready for a rejuvenation, please reach out to your Center Cut specialist for a consultation.