



The Growing Season

During the summer growing season, shrubs are lush, healthy and blooming. When cool fall and winter temperatures set in, our desert shrubs slow their growth dramatically. During roughly November through April, the shrubs on our Communities are seasonally pruned to reduce their size before the next year’s growing season.

Some landscape management providers choose to shear shrubs into shapes such as: cones, balls, flat tops and beer kegs, throughout the growing season. The advantage to the landscape provider is that employees need little training, knowledge or supervision to simply shear every plant on the property each time they are in an area. This practice is detrimental to the health of the plant as the plant requires more water to recover the lost foliage.



Seasonal Pruning stimulates natural growth and produces more blooms.



This healthy Sage reached its peak size at the end of the growing season.



During shrub renovation, plants — like this Sage — are cut back to roughly 12"-18" above ground.



Constant shearing and manicuring with hand shears on flowering plants throughout the growing season results in declining health and fewer blooms.



This Sage was renovated in the fall. It is growing naturally in its allotted space.

Proper Pruning

DLC Resources, Inc.’s approach is different. Our Seasonal Shrub Renovation Program consists of trimming shrubs back to roughly half their size. On some species, like the Red Bird of Paradise, even more pruning is needed. This type of pruning permits plants to grow back into their space during the following growing season. Shrub renovation allows residents to enjoy the seasonal color of common area plants because they are not being trimmed during their flowering season. Shrubs that encroach on streets or sidewalks, or obstruct lines of sight at intersections and near road signs, are pruned as necessary.

