

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

To ensure proper growth from your ornamental grasses, you'll need to cut them back each year. Old grass can delay new grass growth. Cutting the old grass is a simple process in which you tie twine or tape around the grass (almost creating a ponytail) to create a bundle. Then, cut all the dead blades as low as 4-6 inches from the ground.

- — Avoid cutting back grasses in the late winter. Instead, plan to trim the grasses back during the spring.



PRUNING ROSES

Pruning roses increases the number of blooms and improves the shape and health of the bush. In Colorado it is ideal to prune your roses any time in the late spring. Wait until two weeks after the final frost to be safe.

- — To properly prune a rose bush, remove dead or diseased canes first, and then create the shape you want. Make a 45-degree cut one quarter inch above the live bud, with the bud eye pointing outward from the plant. This should stimulate new growth.

