

# Pruning Tool Care



1

Soak and clean tools in soapy water (we like Dawn) to remove dirt, sap, rust, bacteria, and soil organisms.

*wear gloves to protect hands. Use scrub pads, steel wool, wet/dry sandpaper, and metal brushes to clean*

2

Dry tools, then sharpen beveled edge with sharpening stone or mill file. Push **OVER** blade in same direction, do not pull back.

*lay sharpener flat against the tool edge. Keep the bevel at same angle as when new. 6-8 long, even strokes across blade will refresh the edge.*

3

Oil all moving parts between blades, nuts, and bolts using a high-quality 3-in-1 machine oil.

*machine oils are best. Non-machine oils like WD-40 can work in a pinch but they contain water (which can rust the tool) so be sure to wipe & dry well if using a non-machine oil.*



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Wrap sharpened, oiled blade in a towel. Store in a dry, protected area of shed or workshop to avoid dampness and dirt.

*sharp pruning blades make cleaner, safer cuts. It's also less fatiguing on the tool, thereby extending its life and accuracy when cutting.*

5

A very rusted or dirty tool may need to be disassembled in order to properly clean and oil all parts.

*take a few photos of tool at several angles before disassembling it. Use them as a guide for when you are ready to reassemble it. Keep all parts in a small dish during cleaning so they don't get lost in the process.*

