Pruning Ornamental Grasses

Today on Gardening in a Minute: pruning ornamental grasses.

Ornamental grasses are wonderful additions to your landscape, but may need a little pruning to keep a neat appearance.

Pruning of ornamental grasses should be done in late winter or early spring, just prior to new shoot growth. Many have spectacular winter characteristics that should be preserved.

In north and central Florida, prune ornamental grasses in February and March. In South Florida, you may wish to cut back or trim ornamental grasses in January or February prior to new growth.

For deciduous grasses, such as Miscanthus, the old foliage may be completely removed with a chainsaw or hedge shears. For evergreen grasses, such as fakahatchee grass, the ragged, dead leaves can be removed by combing the grass with a pitchfork.

Keep your grass neat by pruning when needed.

For more information about ornamental grasses and many other gardening topics, contact your county extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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