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Pruning Azaleas

Today on Gardening in a Minute: pruning azaleas.

Azaleas are widely planted in Florida because of the colorful flowers they produce from late February to early April.

Pruning your azaleas can improve their blooming and help them develop into full, well-branched shrubs.

Always prune your plants in late spring or early summer, shortly after flowering, because azaleas set their flower buds for next year during the summer.

Several light prunings early in the growing season will help your azalea develop the nicest form.

Remove shaded-out branches first, since these often become dead wood.

Older plants may have tall leggy branches that need to be removed. Doing so gradually over several years reduces shock to the plant.

Pruning your azaleas correctly can keep them looking healthy and blooming strong!

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

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