



Copperleaf Pruning:

- **Spring (Early March/early April):** This is a good time for a hard pruning to encourage bushier growth and control size.
- **Early Summer:** You can also prune during this time to shape the plant and remove dead or damaged growth.
- **Anytime:** Copperleaf is very resilient and can tolerate pruning at any time of year.
- **Avoid pruning during the full bloom phase or scorching summer heat**

Techniques:

- **Pinching:** For young plants, pinch off the tips of new growth to encourage bushier growth.
- **Cutting back:** For mature plants, you can cut back leggy growth and remove dead or damaged stems.
- **Shaping:** Prune to maintain the desired shape and size of the plant.
- **Use clean, sharp tools:** This helps prevent disease and promotes healthy growth.
- **Consider the plant's lifecycle:** Young plants benefit from light pinching, while mature plants may require more substantial cuts.
- **Hard pruning:** If you want to significantly reduce the size of the plant, you can prune it back hard in the spring.

Benefits of Pruning:

- **Encourages bushier growth:** Pruning can help the plant develop a fuller, more compact shape.
- **Maintains shape and size:** You can use pruning to control the plant's growth and keep it within the desired boundaries.
- **Removes dead or damaged growth:** This helps the plant stay healthy and vigorous.
- **Promotes airflow and sunlight penetration:** This can help prevent disease and pests.

