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SEASONAL CARE OF BONSAI

The chart on the back of this page shows the best times of year to train and repot your bonsai. If you don't see a particular plant listed here, follow the guidelines for the same type of tree; for example, a broad-leaved deciduous tree would be treated much like a maple; a conifer, like a pine.

For details about all of these operations consult a good book on bonsai. Fertilizing should be done monthly except in the hottest weather.

The four seasons are defined as follows:

Spring: March, April, May

Summer: June, July, August

Autumn: September, October, November

Winter: December, January, February

When a range of seasons is given such as Winter - Spring, it means that the operation can be done in late winter (February) or early spring (March).

KEY TO REFERENCE NUMBERS

- (1) Pinch after flowers die, before new buds harden.
- (2) Prune after flowering, before leaves appear.
- (3) Bend after leaves are full size but while branches are still limber.
- (4) Repot before new shoots appear.
- (5) Repot just before flowering.
- (6) Repot after flowering, before leaves open.