

Trimming Tall Native Plants for Landscapes

Name	When to trim
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i> - Common Milkweed	Can trim at least by half in June
<i>Rudbeckia triloba</i> - Brown-eyed Susan	Can trim as needed thru July
<i>Rudbeckia</i> spp.	Can trim as needed thru late June.
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> - Purple Coneflower	Can cut down the entire plant anytime into mid or late June and it should still flower.
<i>Physostegia virginiana</i> - Obedient plant	Prune early to keep it shorter, thru early July. Can diminish the flowering
<i>Achellia millefolium</i> - Yarrow	Can trim the stems after flowering to tidy the plant
<i>Phlox paniculata</i> - Summer Phlox	Prune back in late May or early June but can reduce flower power
<i>Gaura lindheimeri</i> - Whirling butterflies	Cut back in late spring to control flop
<i>Aster oblongifolium</i> - Aromatic Aster October Skies	Plant in full sun to reduce flop. Cut down anytime before late July
<i>Aster novi-belgii</i> - New England Aster	Cut back Memorial Day/Early June
<i>Eupatorium fistulosum</i> - Joe Pye Weed	Prune down by end of June
<i>Panicum virgatum</i> - Switch Grass 'Heavy Metal'	Mow or prune in June or July
<i>Helenium autumnale</i> - Helen's Flower/Sneezeweed	Prune by early June; and or cut down right after flowering and will often rebloom in later fall
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i> - Boneset	Cut down anytime thru July
<i>Vernonia novaboracensis</i> - New York Ironweed	Prune back or cut down by mid-July
Monarda (<i>fistulosa</i> or <i>didyma</i>)	Cut them down or back after the main flowering season. They may likely bloom again
<i>Zizia aurea</i> - Golden Alexander	Less floppy if planted in a lot of sun with moderate to low fertility. Cut back after flowering and it will regrow new foliage and be more tidy.