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QUESTION 1:

I have several buddleias that I routinely prune in the early spring. I usually do a fairly severe pruning. As this winter has been so mild, it appears that the shrubs have already leafed out! Is it too late to prune or should I just let them be? If I don't prune how will this affect the blooms? Thanks for your advice. Best regards, Barbara

Hi Barbara,

Prune your Buddleia's as usual. Buddleia's bloom on new wood, so you have to prune them to get flowers.



QUESTION 2:

I put a few praying mantis egg cases out on some forsythia branches, but a week later I noticed one missing and a day later all were gone. Any idea what could have happened? - David

Dear David,

If the egg cases were not tied to the Forsythia branches, they probably fell off onto the ground. Once on the ground, moisture, ants and other insects could easily destroy the egg cases. Next time, place nests about 3-4 ft up off the ground towards the inside of the shrub and securely fasten nests on the branches with twine.



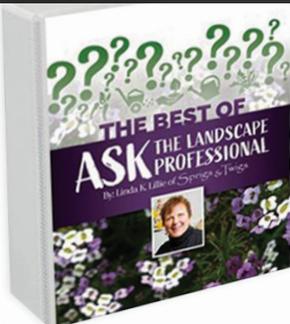
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