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This is a general guide that outlines optimum timing for bonsai care and development procedures. These procedures may be performed at other times of the year, however, it may come with undesired results. If unsure, ask a qualified bonsai practitioner. Timing is determined by a combination of many variables: health of the tree, stage of development, time of year, weather, etc. Health is one of the most important factors as development procedures are stressful to the tree.

CONIFERS

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
Black Pine, Red pine Two needle, multi-flush	CUT, THIN, WIRE NEEDLE PULL		FERTILIZE			** DE-CANDLE		FERTILIZE						
	*RE-POT										CUT, THIN, WIRE NEEDLE PULL HEAVY PRUNING & BENDING			
	GRAFT													
White Pine & other high mountain pines Five needle, single-flush	CUT, THIN, WIRE								FERTILIZE					
	*RE-POT				BREAK CANDLES								CUT, THIN, WIRE HEAVY PRUNING & BENDING	
	GRAFT													
Junipers - shimpaku & other garden varieties			FERTILIZE											
	CUT, THIN WIRE						CUT, WIRE		***CUT, WIRE				CUT, THIN, WIRE HEAVY PRUNING & BENDING	
	**RE-POT													
Junipers - collected California, Sierra, etc.			FERTILIZE											
	CUT, THIN WIRE						CUT, WIRE						****CUT, THIN, WIRE HEAVY PRUNING & BENDING	
	*RE-POT****													
Cypress Hinoki, Sawara, etc.			FERTILIZE											
	CUT, THIN, WIRE						CUT, WIRE						CUT, THIN, WIRE HEAVY PRUNING & BENDING	
	*RE-POT													
Cedar, Spruce			PINCHING				FERTILIZE							
	*RE-POT						CUT, WIRE						CUT, THIN, WIRE HEAVY PRUNING & BENDING	
Redwood			FERTILIZE											
	CUT, THIN, WIRE						CUT, WIRE						CUT, THIN, WIRE	
	*RE-POT													
		PINCH ALL YEAR AS NEEDED												

* Re-pot only if necessary

** De-candle June for larger or slow growing trees, July for smaller or fast growing trees

*** Faster growing trees may require an additional cut/wire

**** For collected trees it is not recommended to re-pot, cut, bend and wire in the same calendar year

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