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 increased risk. 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.

BROADLEAF EVERGREENS

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Oaks - evergreen & decidious Boxwoods	CUT, THIN, WIRE	CUT, THIN, WIRE			FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	
	*RE-POT	*RE-POT				CUT, WIRE					CUT, THIN, WIRE	CUT, THIN, WIRE
	AIR LAYER	AIR LAYER										
Silverberry	CUT, THIN, WIRE	CUT, THIN, WIRE			FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	
	*RE-POT	*RE-POT			CUT, WIRE	CUT, WIRE					CUT, THIN, WIRE	CUT, THIN, WIRE
	AIR LAYER	AIR LAYER			DEFOLIATE			DEFOLIATE				
Olive	CUT, WIRE	CUT, WIRE			FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	
	*RE-POT	*RE-POT			CUT, WIRE	CUT, WIRE		CUT, WIRE	CUT, WIRE		CUT, THIN, WIRE	CUT, THIN, WIRE
	AIR LAYER	AIR LAYER			AIR LAYER							
					PINCH NEW GROWTH	PINCH NEW GROWTH	PINCH NEW GROWTH	PINCH NEW GROWTH	PINCH NEW GROWTH	PINCH NEW GROWTH	PINCH NEW GROWTH	

DECIDUOUS

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Maples - Trident, Japanese, Natives	CUT, WIRE	CUT, WIRE	PINCH NEW GROWTH	PINCH NEW GROWTH	FERTILIZE / DEFOLIATE, CUT, WIRE	FERTILIZE / PINCH	FERTILIZE / DEFOLIATE, CUT, WIRE	FERTILIZE / DEFOLIATE, CUT, WIRE	FERTILIZE / PINCH	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE / CUT, THIN, WIRE	CUT, THIN, WIRE
	*RE-POT	*RE-POT			AIR LAYER	AIR LAYER						
	AIR LAYER	AIR LAYER										
Elms, Zelkova	CUT, WIRE	CUT, WIRE			FERTILIZE / CUT, WIRE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE / CUT, WIRE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE / CUT, THIN, WIRE	CUT, THIN, WIRE
	*RE-POT	*RE-POT	PINCH NEW GROWTH	PINCH NEW GROWTH	PINCH NEW GROWTH	PINCH NEW GROWTH	PINCH NEW GROWTH	PINCH NEW GROWTH				
	AIR LAYER	AIR LAYER			AIR LAYER	AIR LAYER						
Hornbeam, Beech	CUT, WIRE	CUT, WIRE			FERTILIZE / CUT, WIRE, PARTIAL DEFOLIATE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE / CUT, THIN, WIRE	CUT, THIN, WIRE
	*RE-POT	*RE-POT	PINCH NEW GROWTH	PINCH NEW GROWTH							REMOVE BROWN LEAVES	REMOVE BROWN LEAVES
	AIR LAYER	AIR LAYER			AIR LAYER							
Quince (all varities)	*REPOT	*REPOT			FERTILIZE / **CUT, WIRE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE / CUT, THIN, WIRE	CUT, THIN, WIRE
	WIRE	REMOVE FLOWERS AS FADE	REMOVE FLOWERS AS FADE	REMOVE FLOWERS AS FADE								
	AIR LAYER	AIR LAYER			AIR LAYER							
Fruiting and Flowering (NOT INCLUDING AZALEAS)					FERTILIZE / **CUT, WIRE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	
	*RE-POT	*RE-POT										
	AIR LAYER	AIR LAYER			AIR LAYER							

* Re-pot only if necessary   **Prune after flowering