

Garden Tool Care (Cleaning Pruning Shears)

Materials and Technique:

Pruning shears

Super-penetrant, such as Liquid Wrench

Sprayable oil, such as WD-40

Abrasive pad, such as Scotch-Brite, cut into small squares

1. In a well-ventilated area, spray blades with super-penetrant and oil. Scrub both sides of blades with an abrasive pad, and wipe away excess oil with paper towel.

Garden Tool Care (Sharpening Pruning Shears)

Materials and Technique:

Pruning shears

Blade sharpener for type of pruner being sharpened

1. Clean pruners according to instructions above; affix blade sharpener according to manufacturer's instructions to assure the correct sharpening angle. Rub the sharpening stone along the blade in an up-and-down motion.

Garden Tool Care (Replacing Blades on Pruning Shears)

Materials and Technique:

Pruning shears
Screwdriver
Super-penetrant, such as Liquid Wrench
Sprayable oil, such as WD-40
Abrasive pad such as Scotch-Brite, cut into small squares
Replacement-blade kit for your brand of pruners

1. Remove the large screw located at the base of the pruner's 2 blades. Carefully remove each part, and set it aside so it can be easily replaced; take care to notice the place and function of each part. Discard damaged spring and blades.
2. Spray disassembled pruners with super-penetrant and oil, scrub with abrasive pad. Replace blades, and reassemble in reverse order; (a diagram is included in repair kit).

Sources:

Felco pruners
Precision pruner sharpener
Felco repair kits
Felco replacement parts
Walt Nicke Company
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Liquid Wrench
Available at your local hardware store