

BONSAI WORK CALENDAR

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	
REPOTTING	At bud swell (deciduous, then conifers)					-----Tropicals-----							
PINCHING		maples, beech, hornbeam, etc-----											
PRUNING	juniper branches (not foilage)-----				hard prune deciduous				hard prune deciduous -----				
	do not prune fruiting or flowering trees until after June				hard prune Hinoki and J. Juniper foilage								
WIRING, shaping	Junipers				maples *		Tropicals *		maples **		most deciduous trees-----		
				-----check for wire bite-----				-----check for wire bite-----					
FERTILIZING			developing trees and conifers only (except pines)			mature deciduous trees-----		Do not fertilize anything----		all trees-----		no more fertilizer until February	
	azaleas (low N, high P)			azaleas after flowering									
HEAVY BENDING	conifers			deciduous trees-----						conifers-----			
GRAFTING													
(approach, thread veneer)	thread/root grafts		approach/veneer grafts-----										
				thread graft maples*			thread graft maples**						
DEFOLIATION				maples ***		Tropicals		maples***					
LAYERING (air, ground)	air/ground layer-----												
CUTTINGS				soft wood-----						hard wood-----			
MISC:	dormant spray	limit water for smaller leaves, internodes, candles			wedge cut deciduous trees-----						dormant spray		
												jin/shari-----	
PINES	wire, heavy bending-----		candle pinch after elongation--		de-candle**** to balance energy			old needle plucking	bud selection	hard prune, wire----	heavy bending		
	repot-----		fertilize-----			stop fertilizer		fertilize-----					
NOTES:	* = after defoliation		**= after 2nd defoliation			***= don't defoliate red maples same year as repot			****= don't decandle same year as repotting				