

## **CLEANING YOUR PRUNING TOOLS**

1. Pruning tools should be cleaned after every cut. This is usually difficult in practice, therefore, in the Kohan Garden, please at least be sure to clean tools between each shrub or tree.
2. Clean all sap from tool blades with a solvent (Lighter fluid or WD-40) using a green scrubber or cloth. Use flammable materials outdoors. Clean the scrubbers with soap and water; air dry. Dispose of saturated paper towel safely. Not in the tool shed.
3. Wash soil or organic material off tool blades with soap and water using a scrubber.
4. Dry the tool with cloth or paper towel.
5. Saturate tool surfaces with Isopropyl Alcohol using a spray bottle or a clean material such as cloth or paper towel.
6. A 5% solution of bleach and water may also be used as disinfectant but, this will corrode metal parts of your tools. If using bleach, after disinfecting for 5 minutes, rinse the tool, then apply a coating of WD-40.

**The Master Gardner delegates all pruning tasks.**