

# PRUNING (JULY AND SEPTEMBER)

## CONIFER HEDGES



**1** Pruning twice a year gives the best result (July and September).



**2** Prune on a cloudy day, then there is less risk of the plant getting burnt by the sun.



**3** First prune the sides, working diagonally from the top to the bottom.



**4** Never prune back to the old wood, since a conifer hedge will not grow from here again (apart from *Taxus*).



**5** Make sure that the hedge always remains wider at the bottom than at the top.



**6** This means that the lowest branches also get enough light all the time.



**7** Then prune the top.



**8** The second pruning takes place in September; this ensures that the hedge is tidy when winter comes.