

How to:

# Maintain a Willow Structure

**TIP:** Winter is the best time to take care of your Willow Structure once the leaves have fallen and before new growth begins

## Tools you may need:

- Safety goggles
- Secateurs
- Loppers
- Pruning saw
- String
- Step ladder



Prepare the area by removing any weeds and overgrown grass from around your willow structure.

Avoid pruning where possible. Willow is a fast growing species so pruning the stems can stimulate new growth. Only cut snapped or dead branches. New growth can be reweaved back into your structure to make it stronger.



Any cut offs can be planted back into the ground where it will grow back into your structure, creating a stronger base. Look out for the new buds - you want to plant it with them pointing up at the sky



Use string to help you keep everything in place. Avoid using plastic zip ties as the Willow can grow over these and it can cause disease. Natural materials are best!