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Being a high value nutritious fruit crop, the technology of growing blackberry bushes can easily be adapted by the farming fraternity.

Because pruning blackberry bush plant improves on its health, vigour and fruit production, flower buds form on shoot, form fruits and are removed at the end of summer to prepare for another fruiting season.

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As typical summer clean up involves removing shoots already flowered and fruited, prune twice a year, don't cut indiscriminately when pruning and clear the debris from the plant and tie the stems together as a way of supporting and giving desired direction of growth.

Similarly, for tip pruning, fruiting canes are cut to about 24-26 inches high for branching to improve production and depending on bush variety, leave 12-18 side shoots in addition to the main shoots.

Finally, rake the area to a desired level, apply ground cover and mulch.