

WHEN TO PRUNE CLEMATIS

There are three types of clematis that have specific pruning protocols:

TYPE 1:

- Clematis that bloom in the early spring.
- This group of clematis produce flowers directly from old stems, so pruning is done after all flowering has been completed.
- Prune by removing all dead and weak stems immediately after flowering.
- All stems should be tied into position on their trellis, etc.
- If the clematis has outgrown its space, prune to size after all flowering is completed.
- After pruning, new growth will begin and will be the stems for next year's flowers.

TYPE 2:

- Clematis that bloom early spring and late summer.
- Flowering comes from last season's ripened stems.
- This group of clematis does not require pruning.
- If pruning is preferred, it should be done after the first spring flowering is completed.

TYPE 3:

- Clematis that blooms mid to late summer.
- This group of clematis blooms from new growth.
- This clematis should be pruned in early spring, just as the dormant vine begins to grow.
- Prune back to leave only one or two nodes of growth above the ground.
- All dead material above the buds should be removed.
- Clean out any old foliage at this time.