

## Pruning Guide

When it comes to pruning your clematis they can be divided into three different groups. Please refer to our website to check the pruning groups of the clematis we grow.

### Group 1

The plants that fall into Group 1 are those flowering early in the spring on last years growth, such as the montana's and also the small flowered species and their cultivars, such as the alpina's, macropetala's, armandii and cirrhosa's

Group 1's require minimal pruning immediately after flowering. Remove dead or damaged stems, and reduce any other stems to keep the plant within its space.

If the plant is overgrown and requires rejuvenating cut back to a pair of strong buds about 150mm to 300mm above ground level immediately after flowering.



Pruning Group 1 clematis

### Group 2

These are the large flowered clematis that flower in May to June. The flowers form on new growth that develops from last years growth. Some Groups 2's also flower again in the summer on this years growth.

Remove dead or damaged stems on Group 2's in early spring before growth begins. Trim the remaining stems to a pair of strong buds.

If your clematis is overgrown and requires rejuvenating remove the older stems to the base of the plant in spring. For those clematis that flower twice in the season follow the advice for Group 3 clematis.



Pruning Group 2 clematis

### Group 3

These are the clematis that flower later in the season on this years growth,

Whether for general pruning or rejuvenating cut back all growth to a pair of strong buds 150mm to 200mm above soil level before growth begins in early spring.



Pruning Group 3 clematis