

CLEMATIS PRUNING GROUP #1

Recommended for Clematis species and cultivars which flower only on old, ripened wood that was produced the previous year, and bloom in early to mid spring. This includes *C. alpina*, *C. macropetala*, and their cultivars.

These usually do not require any major pruning; however, if the plants have become too large or untidy, a little cutting back can be done just after flowering has ended. Pruning live wood early or late in the season will result in loss of flowers.

The cultivars offered at Harlequin's Gardens in Pruning Group #1 (PG1) include:

Clematis 'Albina Plena'

Clematis 'Blue Bird'

Clematis 'Constance'

Clematis 'Jan Lindmark'

Clematis 'Pamela Jackman'

Clematis 'White Swan'

CLEMATIS PRUNING GROUP #2

Recommended for Clematis that produce two flushes of bloom, the first before early summer (on the previous year's wood), and the second display in late summer, on new (the current year's) growth.

Remove all dead and weak stems in late spring, immediately after the early bloom has ended. Also do selective pruning of the flowering shoots as necessary at that time, working from the top of the plant down, to encourage good re-blooming in late summer. All PG2 varieties can, if necessary, be pruned as PG3, but early bloom will be sacrificed. Vines will be somewhat shorter, but they will still bloom profusely in late summer.

The cultivars offered at Harlequin's Gardens in Pruning Group #2 (PG2) include:

Clematis 'Andromeda'

Clematis 'Asao'

Clematis 'Captain Thuilleaux'

Clematis 'Daniel Deronda'

Clematis 'Dr. Ruppell'

Clematis 'Ernest Markham'

Clematis 'Fryderyk Chopin'

Clematis 'General Sikorski'

Clematis '**Henryi**'
Clematis '**H.F. Young**'
Clematis '**Huldine**'
Clematis '**Marie Boisselot**' (syn. 'Mme. Le Coultre')
Clematis '**Matka Urzula Ledochowski**'
Clematis '**Miss Bateman**'
Clematis '**Mrs. Cholmondeley**'
Clematis '**Mrs. George Jackman**'
Clematis '**Nelly Moser**'
Clematis '**Niobe**'
Clematis '**Ramona**'
Clematis '**Sunset**'
Clematis '**The President**'
Clematis '**Westerplatte**'
Clematis '**William Kennett**'

CLEMATIS PRUNING GROUP #3

Recommended for Clematis that flower on the current year's new growth in early, mid or late summer. Besides climbing varieties such as cultivars of *C. viticella* and *C. texensis*, the herbaceous Clematis varieties and the 'scramblers' are also in this group.

These varieties need hard annual pruning in late February or early March. Prune all stems to just above the first (lowest) pair of healthy, live buds, and discard all the old growth above the cuts. This encourages the plant to produce strong new shoots and bloom profusely.

The cultivars offered at Harlequin's Gardens in Clematis Pruning Group #3 (PG3) include:

Clematis '**Alba Luxurians**'
Clematis '**Allannah**'
Clematis '**Betty Corning**'
Clematis '**Aureolin**'
Clematis '**Bill Mackenzie**'
Clematis '**Blekitny Aniol**' (Blue Angel)
Clematis '**Comtesse de Bouchard**'
Clematis '**Duchess of Albany**'
Clematis '**Durandii**'
Clematis '**Etoile Violette**'
Clematis **fruticosa**
Clematis '**Gipsy Queen**'
Clematis '**Hagley Hybrid**'
Clematis **heracleifolia**

Clematis **hexapetala**
Clematis **'Huldine'**
Clematis **integrifolia**
Clematis **'Jackmanii'**
Clematis **'John Paul II'**
Clematis **'Lady Betty Balfour'**
Clematis **ligusticifolia (Western Virgin's Bower)**
Clematis **'Madame Julia Correvon'**
Clematis **'Mrs. Robert Brydon'**
Clematis **'Polish Spirit'**
Clematis **'Princess Diana'**
Clematis **'Purpurea Plena Elegans'**
Clematis **recta**
Clematis **'Rhapsody'**
Clematis **'Rouge Cardinal'**
Clematis **'Royal Velours'**
Clematis **tangutica**
Clematis **terniflora (Sweet Autumn Clematis)**
Clematis **tibetana**
Clematis **'Venosa Violacea'**
Clematis **'Ville de Lyon'**
Clematis **'Warsaw Nike'**