

CLEMATIS PRUNING TYPES

Pruning Group 1 or A

- ✓ Bloom early in early spring
- ✓ Blooms on last year's shoots
- ✓ Pruning not necessary with this group
 - ✓ Remove dead or stray wood
 - ✓ Prune immediately after flowering
- ✓ Allow time for shoots & flower buds to develop
 - ✓ Only prune max. every 3 years

Pruning Group 2 or B

- ✓ Bloom in late spring or early summer
- ✓ Blooms on new shoots and old wood
- ✓ Main bloom followed by sporadic flowers
 - ✓ Known as repeat bloomers
 - ✓ Trickier to prune
- ✓ Lightly thin out dead and stray wood
- ✓ Prune late winter/early spring or immediately after main bloom
- ✓ Cut back to large growth bud near faded bloom
 - ✓ Includes large flowering *Clematis*

Pruning Group 3 or C

- ✓ Bloom late summer or autumn
- ✓ Blooms on shoots produced this year
- ✓ Prune when plants start to grow or just before
 - ✓ Can be pruned back severely
 - ✓ Easy to prune
 - ✓ Vigorous growers
- ✓ Includes *Clematis* 'Sweet Autumn'