

How to Prune Hydrangea arborescens

To effectively prune Hydrangea arborescens, commonly known as smooth hydrangea, follow these concise guidelines:

Timing:

Prune in early spring, after the last frost, to encourage robust growth and abundant blooms.



Why Avoid Autumn Pruning:

Refrain from pruning in autumn to avoid potential damage from winter conditions.



Method:

Cut back stems to approximately 30-40 cm (12-16 inches) above ground level, leaving at least two pairs of healthy buds on each stem.



Maintenance:

Remove any dead, damaged, or diseased wood to maintain the plant's health and improve air circulation.

By following these steps, you can ensure your smooth hydrangeas remain healthy and produce plentiful blooms.

Encouraging New Growth:

This substantial pruning stimulates the development of new shoots, which will produce the season's flowers.

