



# OGDEN'S DESIGN & PLANTINGS, INC.

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## HYDRANGEA PRUNING BASICS

### Design & Installation:

- Natural Gardens
- Japanese Gardens
- Bed Maintenance
- Therapeutic Gardens
- Paths & Patios
- Stone & Brickwork
- Specialty Gardens
- Seasonal Color & Interest

### July To-Do List:

- Check irrigation systems
- Dead-head annuals and perennials
- Prune climbing roses after flowering to promote new growth
- Plan spring bulb order
- Fertilize annuals, container plants and roses
- Sow seeds of English daisy, forget-me-not and pansy
- Divide and lift perennials
- Apply summer mulch

### Ogdenwords:

**Bud:** dormant projection on a stem from which growth may develop.

**Sepal:** part of a flower, usually at the base, protecting the petals.

Hydrangeas are one of the best-loved shrubs in our gardens due to their long bloom period and their wonderful heads of color. However, in order to obtain beautiful hydrangeas there are a few pruning rules that need to be understood and followed. It is vital to know what kind of hydrangea you have in your garden so that you prune correctly.

The climbing and oakleaf hydrangeas are the first to flower in June. The blooms of the climbing hydrangea appear on old wood so if, in spring, you prune off the tips of the plant you will not get any flowers. The best time of year, then, to prune them is in the summer, immediately after flowering so then the new buds have time to form before the following spring. On the other hand oakleaf hydrangea should be pruned in early spring to remove any dead wood.

Annabel and macrophylla hydrangeas flower in July and August. An-

nel flowers on new growth so in the spring (March) they can be harshly pruned down to 1/2 or 3/4 of its size. However hydrangea macrophylla (often referred to as mophead hydrangea) forms its buds on mature wood. Late summer is the ideal time to prune, as soon as the flowers have faded and you can see new shoots growing.



Peegee hydrangea which has abundant displays of white flowers in August and September can be pruned back to major stems in late winter or early spring. The fewer stems that remain the larger the flowers will be.

It is harmful to prune any hydrangea in the fall as even if new growth occurs it may not be mature enough to withstand the winter cold.

This may seem quite complicated, so if you need any further advice do not hesitate to contact the office.

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