

PRUNING (MARCH-APRIL)

HYDRANGEA MACROPHYLLA



1 The old branches are easily identified; they still bear the dead flowers.



2 The young straight branches (which grew last year) should not be pruned.



3 Old branches are cut off short close to the ground.



4 Young shoots grow from the base of the plant.



5 These shoots will then flower again next year.



6 Repeat this action every year, so as to partially renew the plant annually.



7 Chop up the pruning waste and put it on the compost heap or in the green waste bin.



8 *Hydrangea* flower for weeks on end in the summer.