



Fresh Cut Hydrangeas

From the garden
to the vase

Hydrangeas tend to be the first fresh cut flower to wilt in a flower arrangement. This is because they have thick woody stems that get air pockets causing the blooms to wilt.

Follow the steps below to learn how to pick a fresh hydrangea stem from the garden and revive a wilting stem!



How to cut a fresh hydrangea stem

1. Before snipping off a bloom, prepare your shrub by watering it the day before
2. The next morning, pick a fully open bloom and cut the stems at an angle just above a leaf node
3. *Pro Tip:* cut a vertical slit in the bottom of the stem to allow vascular system to absorb as much water as possible
4. Condition your hydrangea by putting the stem in lukewarm water right away!
5. Keep the stem in lukewarm water for a couple of hours before arranging them
6. Change the water in the vase every other day. At the same time, do a fresh angled cut at the bottom of the stem.





How to revive a wilting hydrangea stem

1. Make a fresh angled cut on the stem
2. Create a water bath by filling a bucket, bowl, or sink with lukewarm water
3. Then, in your water bath, fully submerge your hydrangea in the water by laying it on its side (blooms and all!)
4. Wait 2-3 hours and your hydrangea will come back to life
5. Carefully dry off your hydrangeas, refresh the water in your vase and them back to your table!

