



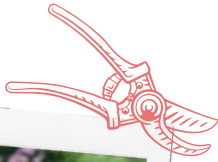
Fresh Cut Hydrangeas

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!

