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	Foliage	Stems	Flowering				
Evergreen Clematis	Remains green in winter [Many stay evergreen throughout the year]			Evergreen climbing clematis	Usually evergreen all year round; a few semi-evergreen. Flowers hermaphrodite.	<i>armandii</i> hybrids and selections, <i>fasciculiflora</i> , <i>finetiana</i> , <i>meyeniana</i> , <i>urophylla</i> 'Winter Beauty'	Immediately after main flush of flowering, tidy dead/diseased shoots or unwanted/excess growth. Tie in new growth where space allows.
				Winter blooming clematis	May be deciduous in summer.	<i>cirrhusa</i> , <i>c. var. purpurascens</i> 'Freckles', <i>c. p.</i> 'Lansdowne Gem', <i>napaulensis</i> , 'Advent Bells', <i>c. var. balearica</i> , <i>c.</i> 'Early Times'	Tidy dead stems or old foliage in spring. Better to avoid hard pruning during summer dormancy.
				Australasian clematis	Mainly involving species native in Australasia. Evergreen all year round. Flowers dioecious. Leaves, if present, lobed or dissected.	<i>afoliata</i> , <i>forsteri</i> , <i>marmoraria</i> , <i>paniculata</i> , × <i>cartmanii</i> cvs, 'Early Sensation'	Remove dead shoots or foliage.
Spring clematis	Deciduous	Climbing	Flower mainly on previous season's wood in spring	Spring bell-shaped clematis	Flowers single or double; usually hanging, bell-shaped. Hardy.	<i>alpina</i> , <i>a.</i> 'Pamela Jackman', <i>koreana</i> , <i>macropetala</i> , <i>m.</i> 'Wesselton', <i>occidentalis</i> , 'Albina Plena', 'Constance', 'Markham's Pink', <i>koreana</i> var. <i>carunculosa</i> 'Lemon Bells'	Immediately after main flush of flowering, tidy dead/diseased shoots or unwanted/excess growth Immediately after main flush of flowering, tidy dead/diseased shoots or unwanted/excess growth.
				Flat Cross-shaped clematis	Flowers flat, open, usually single (or sometimes semi-double) and upward- or outward-facing. Not reliably hardy.	<i>montana</i> , <i>montana</i> var. <i>grandiflora</i> , <i>montana</i> var. <i>rubens</i> , <i>spooneri</i> , 'Broughton Star', 'Marjorie', 'Mayleen'	

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<b>Non-clinging clematis</b>	Deciduous	Erect or scrambling, non-clinging; most (herbaceous) die to ground-level in winter; some woody-shrub-like	Flower on current season's wood, summer	<b>Woody-shrub clematis</b>	Stems form a persistent, woody base. Large coarse leaves.	<i>heracleifolia</i> , <i>stans</i> , <i>tubulosa</i> , 'Cassandra', 'Praecox' ['Jouiniana Praecox']	Leave old growth overwinter; if necessary, prune in mid- to late spring, when new buds breaking, and then to <0.5m, not to ground.
				<b>Colorful bells and bowls clematis</b>	Herbaceous. Flowers nodding or bowl-shaped.	× <i>diversifolia</i> 'Heather Herschell', × <i>durandii</i> , <i>integrifolia</i> , 'Alionushka', 'Arabella', 'Juuli', 'Sizaja Ptitzá', <i>addisonii</i>	Cut to ground-level in winter/early spring. [Colorful bells and bowls and early star sets may also be hard pruned in midsummer, before fruiting, to encourage second flush of flowering, depending on climate].
				<b>Early star clematis</b>	Herbaceous. Flowers starshaped, usually white/fragrant.	<i>angustifolia</i> [ <i>hexapetala</i> ], × <i>aromatica</i> , <i>mandshurica</i> , <i>recta</i>	
<b>Summer trumpet/urn clematis</b>	Deciduous	Climbing; most die to ground-level in winter	Flowers usually trumpet-/urn-shaped, thick sepals, leathery and/or fuzzy		Mostly of North American species' origin (a few from Asia).	<i>crispa</i> , <i>fusca</i> , <i>glaucophylla</i> , <i>ianthina</i> , <i>pitcheri</i> , <i>reticulata</i> , <i>texensis</i> , <i>versicolor</i> , <i>viorna</i> , 'Duchess of Albany', 'Princess Diana'	Most are cut to ground-level in winter/early spring (though fuzzy may be left to <0.5m).

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Large-flowered clematis	Deciduous	Climbing	Spring- or summer-flowering, in a broad range of colours & shapes (including some doubles); all flower on current season's wood (though some also flower on previous season's); flowers mainly (3-)5-20(30) cm diameter	Dark-styled clematis	Usually have dark pistils. May require winter protection.	<i>florida</i> , <i>florida</i> var. <i>florida</i> 'Sieboldiana', 'Utopia' 'Fond Memories', Viennetta 'Evipo006'	Prune lightly, if desired, to remove previous season's growth. Hard pruning possible in mild climates.
				Large single flowered clematis	Flowers single, usually with upright buds and pale pistils.	'Comtesse de Bouchaud', 'Fujimusume', 'Gipsy Queen', 'Guernsey Cream', 'Hagley Hybrid', 'Honora', 'Huldine', 'Kardynał Wyszynski', 'Niobe', 'The President', 'Warszawska Nike', 'Westerplatte'	Optional pruning according to preferred flowering time: in harsh continental climates, hard-prune in late winter; elsewhere, prune height by half in late winter to mid-spring for summer flowering, or prune height by half in late spring/early summer for second flush of flowers in autumn.
				Large variable flowered clematis	Flowers can be single or semi-double on new wood, semi-double or double on old.	'Asao', 'Louise Rowe', 'Mrs Cholmondeley', 'Mrs George Jackman', 'My Darling', 'Pafar' PATRICIA ANN FRETWELL, 'Piilu', 'Vyvyan Pennell'	To maintain some double flowering, never hard-prune unless dictated by climate.
				Large always double clematis	Spring-flowering, always double-flowered whether on old or new wood, with pale pistils (if present).	'Diamond Ball', 'Duchess of Edinburgh', 'Kiri te Kanawa', 'Multi Blue'	Prune by half for best results; hard-pruning if necessary for climate.

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<b>Profuse clematis</b>	Deciduous	Climbing	Spring- or summer-flowering, in a broad range of colours & shapes (including some doubles); all flower on current season's wood (though some also flower on previous season's); flowers mainly (3- )5-20(30) cm diameter		Usually have nodding buds; leaves usually pinnate, rarely ternate.	<i>viticella</i> , 'Abundance', 'Alba Luxurians', 'Betty Corning', 'Błękitny Anioł', 'Emilia Plater', 'Étoile Violette', 'Jackmanii', 'Kermesina', 'Madame Julia Correvon', 'Minuet', 'Polish Spirit', 'Prince Charles', 'Purpurea Plena Elegans', 'Rubra', 'Semu', 'Venosa Violacea', 'Victoria', 'Walenburg'	Hard prune to lowest viable buds (<0.5m) when dormant in late winter/early spring. If filling a large space, may be left unpruned.
<b>Late clematis</b>	Deciduous	Climbing, usually with strong growing stems	Summer-flowering usually, on current season's growth. Flowers numerous, 1-5 cm diameter, mostly bell- or star-shaped, mainly white or yellow	<b>Late star clematis</b>	Medium-sized climbers, with flowers starshaped, usually white and usually scented.	<i>flammula</i> , <i>terniflora</i> , × <i>triternata</i> 'Rubromarginata', 'Sweet Summer Love'	Optional, depending on space. If necessary, hard prune to <0.5m in midspring, once new growth emerging. If preferred, tidy instead.
				<b>Late yellow clematis</b>	Flowers usually yellow and bell-shaped or spreading.	<i>buchananiana</i> , <i>connata</i> , <i>intricata</i> , <i>ladakhiana</i> , <i>orientalis</i> , <i>rehderiana</i> , <i>tangutica</i> , <i>tibetana</i> , 'Bill MacKenzie', 'Helios' (adopted as 'Daihelios' in Japan), 'Kugotia' GOLDEN TIARA, 'Lambton Park'	
				<b>Rampant clematis</b>	Rampant growers, with flowers usually white, and buds and flowers upward-facing.	<i>ligusticifolia</i> , <i>potaninii</i> , <i>vitalba</i> , <i>virginiana</i> , 'Paul Farges' SUMMER SNOW	Depending on space. If necessary, hard prune to <0.5m in late winter/early spring, once new growth emerges. Many species invasive.
<b>Miscellaneous clematis</b>	Characteristics that don't fit easily with any of the above					<i>columbiana</i>	