

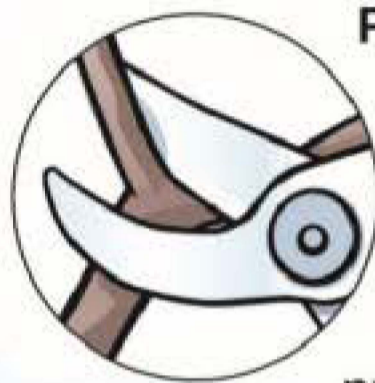
Hydrangea Pruning

Pruning hydrangea plants is not a difficult task. The key to successfully getting your hydrangeas to flower is understanding the different varieties.

Hydrangea varieties

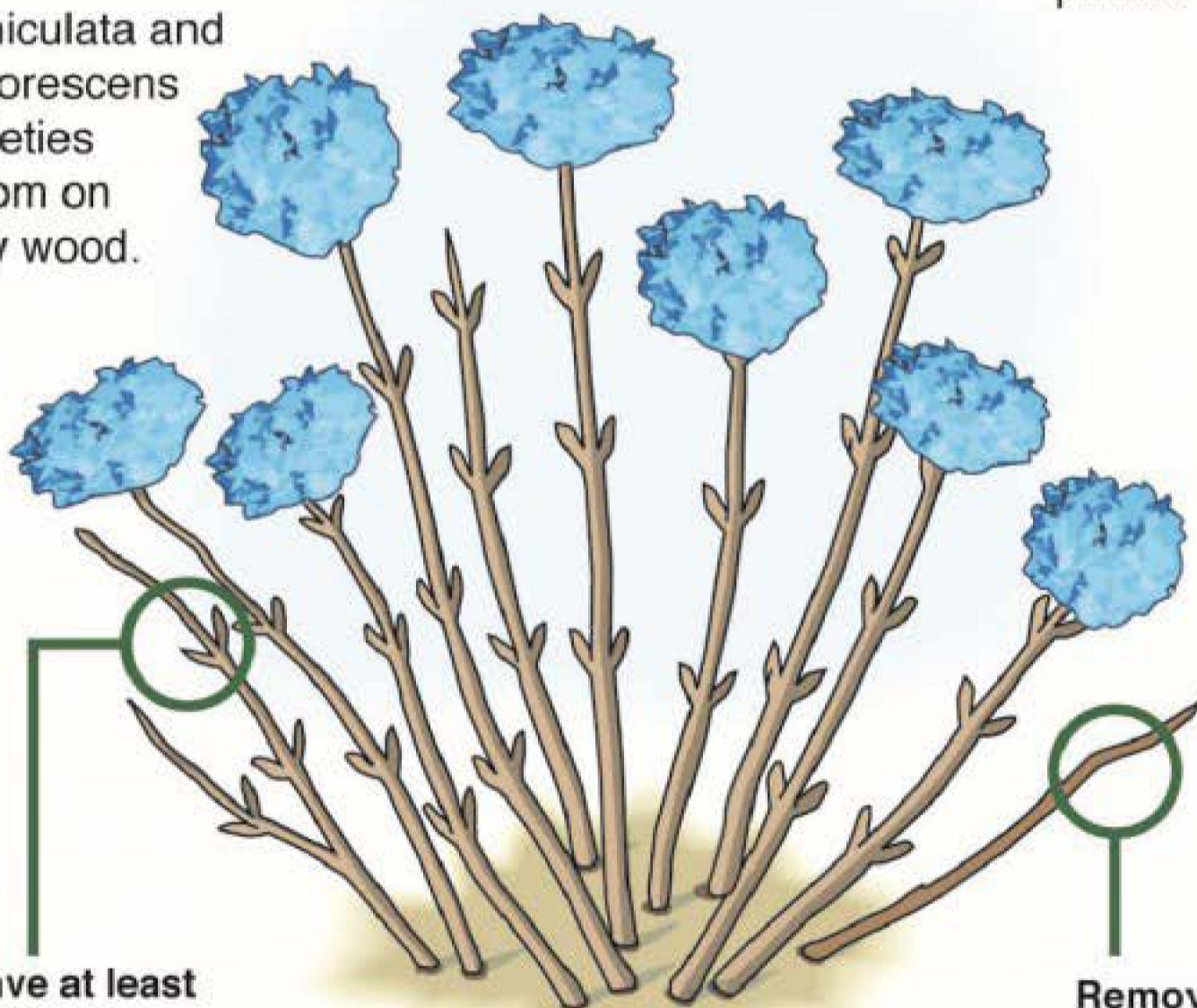
- Most hydrangea varieties bloom on old wood and if you cut too much, blooms will be greatly reduced. It's recommended to prune in the fall after blooming.

- Some varieties such as *Paniculata* and *Arborescens* varieties bloom on new wood.



Pruning

Use well-sharpened pruning shears to prune.



Leave at least two to three buds on the branches for new growth to emerge.

Water

If your hydrangea is looking wilted, it's very thirsty. If it doesn't get enough water in the spring when flower heads are forming, you'll have fewer and smaller blooms later.

Remove branches that are diseased, dead or broken.