

How To Prune Established lavender

Lavender grows quickly, so by the second year, the plant should be about twice as big and ready for pruning once the blooms are spent. Follow these simple steps to keep your lavender looking great for years to come.

Step-by-step lavender pruning

1. Look for wood

Find the woody base of your lavender plant - that's the spot where soft green growth meets woody stem.

2. Prune the soft growth

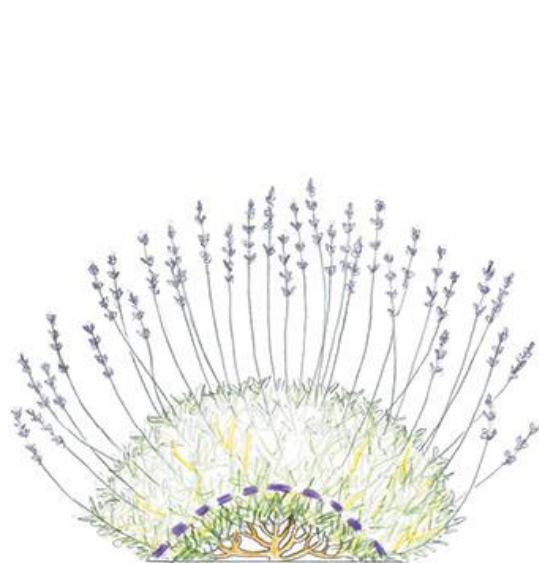
Follow the stem 2 to 3 inches up from the woody part of the stem that's marked on the illustration and remove the rest.

3. Shape the plant

To keep your lavender growing in a tidy mounded habit **prune** lavender stems like the illustration shows with the outside stems lower than the middle.

4. Deadhead reblooming varieties

Get a second flush of blooms quicker on reblooming varieties with deadheading. To do this follow the stem back to the first set of leaves and **snip** it off. Don't cut back as far as you did during pruning.



After blooms fade, shape the plant into a mound as you prune.

