

Your Home Hydroponics Pruning Guide



Maximize plant health and production by pruning!

What to prune?

- Herbs
- Fruiting/flowering Plants

Why prune?

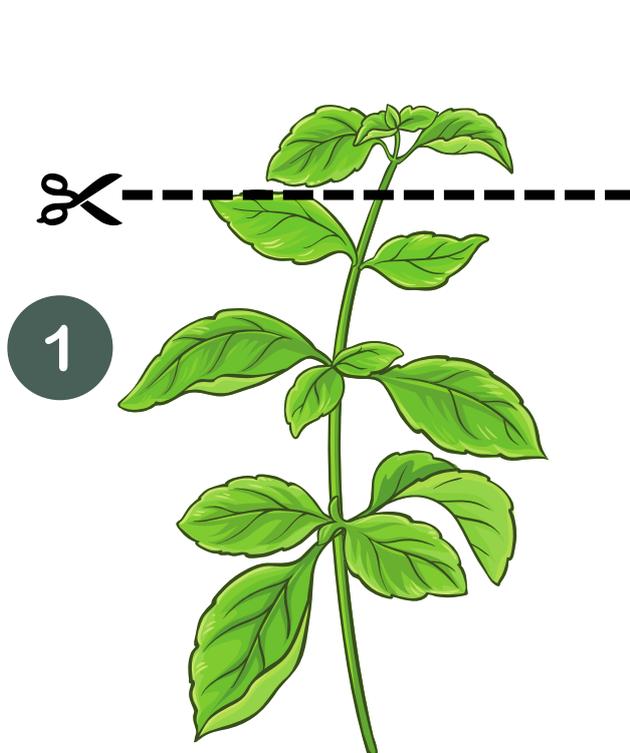
- Pruning allows for greater production by redirecting energy from extra growth back to the plant.
- It also allows for more air flow, keeping plants healthy and happy.
- This is especially effective for fruiting and flowering plants that need energy directed to their fruits/flowers, and that will be in the system longer and grow larger, therefore requiring extra air flow.

1/3 Rule of pruning:

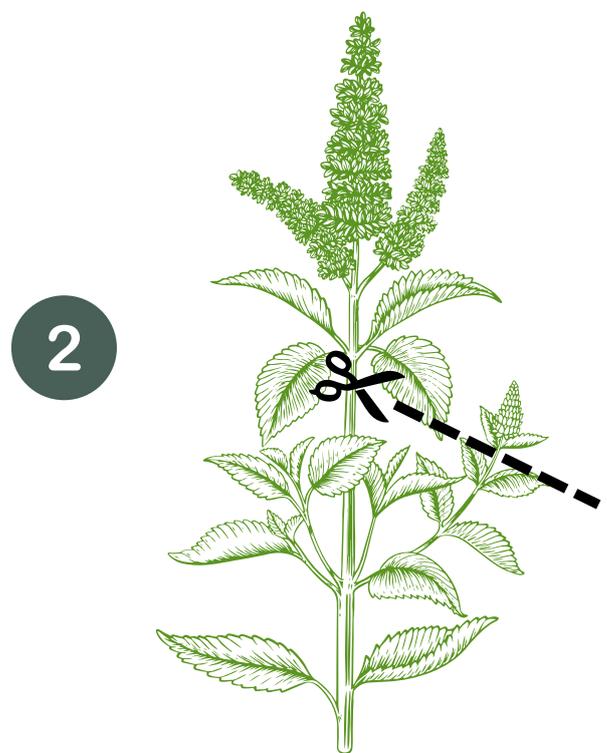
- When pruning, never remove more than 1/3 of the plant at a time!

Read on to learn how to prune by plant type!

1. Cut the main stem just above the 3rd node (3rd set of leaves)
2. Repeat for all new shoots, cutting above the 2nd or 3rd node (set of leaves)



CUT STEM JUST ABOVE 3RD NODE (SET OF LEAVES)



REPEAT FOR SIDE SHOOTS

1. Identify the lowest flower or fruit cluster on the main stem
2. By pinching them off or using a clean shears, remove all suckers (side shoots) from the plant EXCEPT for the sucker just below the lowest flower/fruit cluster
3. Remove lower/dead leaves as plant grows larger

For best results, prune regularly

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IDENTIFY LOWEST
FRUIT/FLOWER
CLUSTER

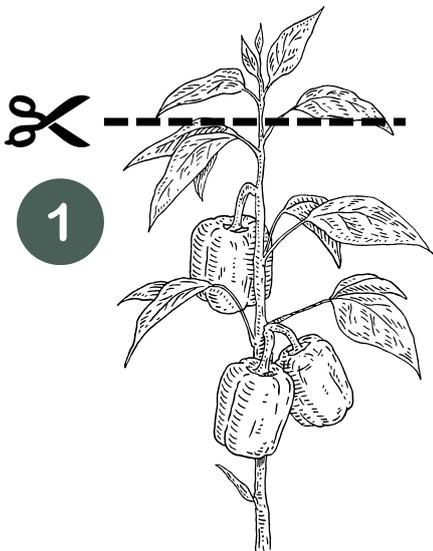
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REMOVE SUCKERS EXCEPT FOR THE
SUCKER JUST BELOW THE LOWEST
FLOWER/FRUIT CLUSTER

1. Cut the stem's main tip when the plant is ~10 inches tall, or just above the 2nd or 3rd set of true leaves
2. Remove side shoots (suckers) as they appear by pinching them off or with clean shears
3. Remove lower leaves as the plant grows larger

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CUT STEM'S TIP



REMOVE SUCKERS