



## PRUNING WISTERIA

Wisteria plants can be grown free-standing, trained against a wall, into a tree or over an arch or pergola.

Wisteria grown into a tree does not require training.

### **To train formally**

- After planting, prune back the leading shoot to 30"-36" (75-90cm) above ground level.
- During the first season tie in lateral/side shoot growth to form a framework and prune sublaterals to 2 or 3 buds.
- In the first winter, cut back laterals by one third of their length, and sublaterals to 2 or 3 buds; cut back the leading shoot again, to 30"-36" (75-90cm) above the point from which the top most laterals branch.
- In subsequent years, repeat the pruning of the leader and selection of lateral shoots until the framework has been completed.
- Once established and in late summer, cut back all shoots not required to extend the framework, to within 6" (15cm) of the main branches; leave 4-6 leaves on each shoot.
- In midwinter, reduce these spurs further to 3"- 4" (8-10cm), leaving only 2-3 buds