Cutting Hop Vines

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Once you are getting ready to harvest your hops for the year, you are left with a choice about whether or not to cut your vine down immediately. Now, some people will be constrained to cutting it down based on your harvesting techniques.

For example, due to the equipment required for professional harvesting, it is necessary to cut down the vines.

That being said, if you have the ability to harvest directly from the vine, it is preferred to simply harvest and then leave the vine out there until it begins to die at which point you can cut it. This allows the energy from the vine to return to the root and allows for better wintering and a good start to the next year.