





## Choosing the Best Hydrangea for Your Yard

**Sun Requirements:** The first step to choosing the right hydrangea for your yard is to determine the exposure in the area you are planting. Some hydrangeas can tolerate shadier situations whereas others would prefer sun all day or for several hours in the morning. In order to bloom, hydrangeas will need at least four hours of sun although some prefer more. Panicle hydrangeas can handle all day sun but the morning sun is beneficial for plants that do not thrive in the afternoon heat.

Sun	Sun/Part Sun	Part Shade	Shade
			
6 $\leq$	4 $\leq$	4 $\geq$	4 $>$

**Pruning:** Trimming hydrangeas, or rather knowing when not to trim hydrangeas, can also aid in your success when growing them for bloom production. Some hydrangeas bloom on old wood, meaning if they are trimmed at the wrong time they will not have flowers for the upcoming season. Other hydrangea varieties bloom on new wood and can be trimmed in the late fall or even in the early spring.



Blooms on new wood: should be pruned in the late fall or early spring



Blooms on old wood: should not be pruned, or pruned right after the plant is done blooming

**Water & Fertilizer:** Hydrangeas do not like to be in wet soil all of the time, so a spot that is moist but well-drained is ideal. To get them established, hydrangeas need plenty of water so they don't dry out. For some types of hydrangeas the flowers can change color depending on the pH of the soil and the presence of aluminum. By utilizing specific fertilizers to change the soil's pH the plant will be able to access more of the nutrients it needs to bloom in shades ranging from blue to pink.



Bloom can change color with fertilizer

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## **Bigleaf** *Hydrangea macrophylla*

Also known as florist's, mophead, or lacecap hydrangeas



Varieties to look for: 'Endless Summer', 'Bloomstruck', 'Summer Crush', and 'Twist-n-Shout'

## **Panicle** *Hydrangea paniculata*



Varieties to look for: 'Limelight', 'Little Lime', 'Quick Fire', 'Bobo', and 'Phantom'

## **Climbing** *Hydrangea petiolaris*



## **Mountain** *Hydrangea serrata*



Varieties to look for: 'Tiny Tuff Stuff' and 'Tuff Stuff'

## **Smooth** *Hydrangea arborescens*

Also known as Annabelle hydrangeas



Varieties to look for: 'Annabelle' and 'Incrediball'

## **Oakleaf** *Hydrangea quercifolia*



Varieties to look for: 'Alice', 'Snow Queen', 'Queen of Hearts', 'Ruby Slippers'