

HYDRANGEAS

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Overview

Hydrangeas are a deciduous, shade-loving shrub that provide an abundance of color through the summer and fall seasons. They are hardy from zones 3 to 9, which makes them a versatile choice for many gardeners. They offer colors ranging from red, pink, and white, to blue, purple, and even green. When incorporating hydrangeas into your landscape, make sure to give them adequate room to stretch out and fill in. Most varieties will stay around 4 to 5 ft tall, making them a focal point in your garden. If you are looking for a unique, versatile, and colorful addition to your landscape, then look no further. Read below to learn more about hydrangeas and their care requirements.

Essentials

Light Requirements:	Morning Sun / Afternoon Shade
Water Requirements:	Moderate / Deep Water Once Per Week
Soil Requirements:	Acidic and Well-Draining
Bloom Time:	Late Spring Through Fall
Hardiness Zone:	3 - 9

Tips & Tricks

One of the best features of Hydrangeas are their ability to change color. Depending on the acidity level of your soil, the blooms will be either blue or pink, or a mixture of both. If you are looking to deepen the blue color of your hydrangeas, you need to add more acidity to the soil. This can be done by using products such as Ammonium Sulfate or Soil Sulfur. Adversely, if you are trying to promote a pink color bloom, you need to make the soil more alkaline. This can be done by using Garden Lime or Dolomite. Fertilize once every two months during the growing season. When pruning hydrangeas, only remove dead or broken sections after it has already bloomed. One of the most common reasons why hydrangeas wont bloom for some people is because they are pruned heavily, leaving them only to produce leaves the following year.

Popular Varieties

BloomStruck	3-4' H x 4-5' W	Blue/Purple
Summer Crush	2-3' H x 2-3' W	Red/Pink
Twist-n-Shout	3-5' H x 3-4' W	Dark Pink
Nikko Blue	4-6' H x 4-6' W	Blue
Pee Wee	3-4' H x 2-3' W	White
Penny Mac	4-6' H x 4-6' W	Blue/Pink
Oakleaf Hydrangea	4-8' H x 4-8' W	White/Pink

