



# HYDRANGEA CARE

Hydrangeas can be confusing when it comes to requirements and especially pruning. We've broken down the hydrangeas we carry into three basic groups to easily explain the differences.



## HYDRANGEA ARBORESCENS (SMOOTH HYDRANGEA)

Smooth hydrangeas are some of the easiest to grow and lowest maintenance hydrangeas. They are known for their large flower heads, sturdy stems, and great cut flowers. They almost always bloom on new wood which means they should be pruned in late fall. Smooth hydrangeas can be cut back 6-8" from the ground in late fall if desired.

**Includes:** Annabelle & Invincible Spirit II (and others)

## HYDRANGEA MACROPHYLLA (BIGLEAF HYDRANGEA)

Bigleaf or "ever-blooming" hydrangeas are desired for their deep green leaves, numerous blooms, and easy care. Bigleaf hydrangeas bloom on both new and old wood, but most of their summer blooms occur on wood formed the previous summer. To encourage new blooms throughout the summer, remove spent blooms as soon as they're done flowering. The sooner this is done, the longer the plant will be allowed to recover and set new buds for the next season. This will encourage larger and more numerous blooms. Bigleaf hydrangeas prefer a location where they receive morning sun (about 4 hours) but are shaded from the afternoon sun. If they are planted in an area with total shade, it is not likely that they will bloom.

**Includes:** Endless Summer, Blushing Bride, Seaside Cape Cod, Grateful Red, & Bloomstruck (and others)

## HYDRANGEA PANICULATA (GRANDIFLORA HYDRANGEA)

Grandiflora hydrangeas are some of the most commonly planted hydrangeas in this area. They are tolerant of numerous conditions and are easy to grow. These hydrangeas bloom on new wood, so pruning is best done between late winter and early spring although it can be done anytime except when they begin to form bloom heads in summer. Throughout the summer, deadheading spent blooms will encourage reblooming.

**Includes:** Quick Fire, Pinky Winky, Pee Gee, White Diamonds, Tickled Pink, Fire and Ice, Little Lime, Limelight, Diamond Rouge, Vanilla Strawberry, Strawberry Sundae, Little Quick Fire, Panicle, and Bobo (and others)

GROUP	BLOOMS ON:	PRUNING	LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS
Arborescens (Smooth)	New Wood	Late Fall - Early Spring	Full Sun to Full Shade
Macrophylla (Bigleaf)	Old & New Wood	Tidy as blooms fade	Full Morning Sun & Afternoon Shade
Paniculata (Grandiflora)	New Wood	Late Fall - Early Spring	Full Sun to Part Shade