

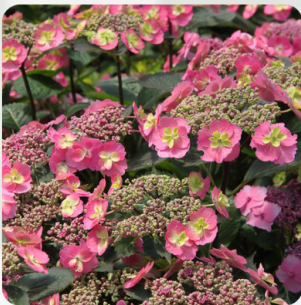
HYDRANGEA GUIDE



Bigleaf Hydrangea

Hydrangea macrophylla

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Mountain Hydrangea

Hydrangea serrata

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Oakleaf Hydrangea

Hydrangea quercifolia

Avoid pruning except to remove old blooms and dead stems in early spring. This type of hydrangea features oak-shaped leaves, blooms are typically white and age to pink, and they have beautiful, burgundy fall foliage.



Smooth Hydrangea

Hydrangea arborescens

Cut back by up to a half in early spring to remove old flowers and encourage new growth. Smooth hydrangeas are also often called 'Annabelle' hydrangeas.



Pannicle Hydrangea

Hydrangea paniculata

Cut back by up to a half in early spring to remove old flowers and encourage new growth. These are great hydrangeas for beginners as they are tough, reliable and produce dozens of big showy flowers on strong sturdy stems.