

# Hydrangea

Hydrangea macrophylla

## QUICK FACTS

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USDA ZONES

**5–9**

SUNLIGHT

**Part Shade**

BLOOM

**Summer**

HEIGHT

**3–8 ft**

DEER

**Vulnerable**

## AT A GLANCE

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Most "my hydrangea won't bloom" problems come down to two things — you have *H. macrophylla* and you pruned it at the wrong time, or you have *H. macrophylla* in a zone where the flower buds froze. Identify your species first. The rest follows.

## PLANTING CHECKLIST

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- Match site to sun requirements above before buying
- Test soil drainage — dig a 12" hole, fill with water, time it (should drain in 1–2 hrs)
- Dig hole 2x wider than rootball, same depth
- Backfill with native soil — do NOT amend the planting hole
- Water deeply at planting and weekly for first 3 weeks
- Mulch 2" deep, keep mulch 2" away from trunk/stems

## FULL GUIDE WITH SOURCES

<https://outdoorplantcare.com/plants/hydrangea-care/>