

Hydrangea Macrophylla (Blue) - Plant



Hydrangeas are well known for their large, colorful blossoms, and can be found growing in many areas of the world. There are many species and varieties of hydrangeas, which produce blossoms in a wide array of colors and shapes. They are relatively easy to grow, as long as you plant them in the right conditions as described below.

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Description

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With immense billowy blossoms, hydrangeas flaunt an old-fashioned charm that is hard to resist. Colors also beguile with clear blues, vibrant pinks, frosty whites, lavender, and roseâ€”sometimes all blooming on the same plant.

The colors of some H. macrophylla flowers are affected by the relative availability of aluminum ions in the soil. Acidic soils with a pH of less than 5.5 produce blue flowers; soils with a pH greater than 5.5 product pink flowers. White flowers are not affected by pH.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
All Summer Beauty, Alpengluhen bigleaf hydrangea, Ayesha, Blue Billow, Blue Wave	Red, Pink, Blue, Purple, White	Summer, fall.	4 to 6 feet.	Easy to grow

Planting and care

Plant in spring or fall. Dig a hole as deep as the root ball and 2 to 3 times as wide. Set the plant in the hole and fill it half full with soil. Water. After water is drained, fill the rest of the hole with soil. Water thoroughly. Space multiple hydrangeas about 3 to 10 feet apart.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Prefer full sun in the morning with some afternoon shade.	Acidic, Slightly Acidic to Neutral, Neutral, Neutral to Slightly Alkaline.	Water daily for the first few days after planting. Once the plant is established then water when soil dries out.	Cool to average 45-65Å°F/7-18Å°C.	Fertilize once or twice in the summer.

Caring for Hydrangea Macrophylla

- For the first year or two after planting and during any drought, be sure hydrangeas get plenty of water. Leaves will wilt if the soil is too dry.
- Be cautious about planting hydrangeas under or near trees, as the large roots may not leave enough water and nutrients for the hydrangeas.
- Keep an eye on hydrangeas in these positions, and transplant them to a new area if they are struggling to grow or produce flowers.

Typical uses of Hydrangea Macrophylla

Special features:

Ornamental use: Hydrangeas are excellent for a range of garden sites from group plantings to shrub borders to containers.

References

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