

# Quick Guide to Common Landscape Hydrangeas

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SPECIES COMMON NAMES / 'Varieties'	Type	Sun Exposure	Blooms (Other Notes)	Blooms in...	Blooms on...	Prune...
<b>HYDRANGEA ARBORESCENS</b> SMOOTH HYDRANGEA, SNOWBALL 'Annabelle', 'Hills-of-Snow', 'Bounty', 'Incrediball®'	Deciduous Shrub	Full to partial <b>SUN</b>	White; forms rounded clusters 3"-1' across.	Late <b>SPRING</b> to early <b>SUMMER</b>	<b>NEW</b> wood	Can deadhead right after blooming; hard prune in late fall/early spring
<b>HYDRANGEA MACROPHYLLA</b> BIGLEAF HYDRANGEA, MOPHEAD HYDRANGEA, FRENCH HYDRANGEA 'Nikko Blue', 'Penny Mac', 'Dooley', 'Lemon Zest', 'Amethyst', 'Pia', 'Pretty in Pink', 'Harlequin'	Deciduous Shrub	Partial <b>SHADE</b> (tolerates sun if in moist soil)	Blue in acidic soil; pink in alkaline soil; forms rounded clusters 4-6' across.	Late <b>SPRING</b> to early <b>SUMMER</b>	<b>OLD</b> wood	Deadhead right after blooming; prune for shape or to thin out in early spring...but never to the ground
<b>HYDRANGEA MACROPHYLLA</b> ENDLESS SUMMER® HYDRANGEA 'Balmer' (the original), 'Blushing Bride', 'Bloom Struck™' 'Twist-n- Shout®' (lacecap type)	Deciduous Shrub	Partial <b>SHADE</b> (tolerates sun if in moist soil)	Blue in acidic soil; pink in alkaline soil; forms rounded clusters 4-6' across (NOTE: 'Twist-n-Shout®' has a lacecap type flower.)	Late <b>SPRING</b> and into <b>FALL</b>	<b>OLD &amp;</b> <b>NEW</b> wood	Deadhead right after blooming; prune for shape or to thin out in early spring. Can really be pruned anytime.
<b>HYDRANGEA MACROPHYLLA</b> LACECAP HYDRANGEA 'Mariesii', 'Blue Wave', 'Lilacina', 'Lanarth White', 'Bluebird'	Deciduous Shrub	Partial <b>SHADE</b> (tolerates sun if in moist soil)	Blue in acidic soil; pink in alkaline soil; some white; forms <i>flattened</i> center with showy floret ring (or "lace cap", 4-6' across.	Late <b>SPRING</b> to early <b>SUMMER</b>	<b>OLD</b> wood	Deadhead right after blooming; prune for shape or to thin out in early spring...but never to the ground.
<b>HYDRANGEA QUERCIFOLIA</b> OAKLEAF HYDRANGEA 'Alice', 'Snow Queen', 'Snowflake™', 'Pee Wee' (compact variety)	Deciduous Shrub	Full <b>SUN</b> to partial <b>SHADE</b>	White changing to rusty pink; forms large, airy, 6-18' pyramidal panicles (clusters of flowers). (NOTE: Named after large oak- like leaves; leaves and stems turn and provide great fall color.)	Late <b>SPRING</b> to early <b>SUMMER</b>	<b>OLD</b> wood	Prune for shape or to thin out right after blooms fade; don't prune too harshly or you'll miss a season of blooms...less is more.
<b>HYDRANGEA PANICULATA</b> PANICLE HYDRANGEA 'Grandiflora'... 'P.G.' or 'PEEGEE', 'Limelight', 'Tardiva', 'Florabunda', 'Little Lime™' & 'Little Lamb' (compact varieties)	Deciduous Shrub (can be trained to tree-form)	Full to partial <b>SUN</b>	White (mostly); forms conical panicles 6-8" long. (NOTE: There are also a number of pink H. Paniculatas; largest of hydrangeas.)	<b>SUMMER</b> into <b>FALL</b>	<b>NEW</b> wood	Deadhead right after blooming; prune as needed (to shape or to thin) in late winter to early spring.
<b>HYDRANGEA ANAMOLA PETIOLARIS</b> CLIMBING HYDRANGEA 'Miranda', 'Firefly', "Kuga Varigated'	Deciduous Vine	Partial <b>SHADE</b> (tolerates sun if in moist soil, also tolerates full shade.)	White; forms flattened, "hairy" Lacecap-like 6-10' flowers. (NOTE: Slow to establish, but once established is a vigorous climber...30-40' + long.)	Late <b>SPRING</b> to early <b>SUMMER</b>	<b>OLD</b> wood	Prune to shape or control growth after blooming.