

Hydrangeas - Cracking the Code

macrophylla

AKA Bigleaf, Lacecap, Mophead, Blue, Hortensia, Florist's

- Part sun – 4 hours minimum – ideally morning sun
- Moist, well-drained soil – no wet feet!
- Blooms on OLD wood – do not prune
- Flower color can be pink or blue depending on soil pH, can be changed
- Winter protection can be beneficial. Wood or leaf mulch works well.
- Hardy to zone 5

arborescens

AKA Smooth, Annabelle, Incrediball

- Part sun – 4 hours minimum – ideally morning sun
- Moist, well-drained soil – no wet feet!
- Blooms on NEW wood – prune in late winter/early spring
- Hardy to zone 3

serrata

AKA Mountain

- Part sun – 4 hours minimum – ideally morning sun
- Moist, well-drained soil – no wet feet!
- Blooms on OLD wood – do not prune
- Hardy to zone 5

panicle

AKA PeeGee

- Part sun to full sun
- Moist, well-drained soil – no wet feet!
- Blooms on NEW wood – prune by 1/3 in late winter/early spring to keep full and shapely.
- Hardy to zone 3

oakleaf

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- Winter protection can be beneficial. Wood or leaf mulch works well.
- Hardy to zone 5