

CHESTERFIELD VALLEY NURSERY



HYDRANGEAS

Blue or Pink?

Hydrangea flower color is based solely upon soil pH. If you have acidic soil (pH 6 or below) the flowers will be a stunning blue, or if you have alkaline soil (pH 8 or above) the flowers will be a show stopping pink. To make your hydrangeas bloom pink add lime or if you prefer blue add aluminum sulfate to the soil in the spring.



Pruning:

Improper pruning is usually the reason hydrangeas do not bloom. The key to proper pruning is to know if your hydrangea blooms on new or old wood.

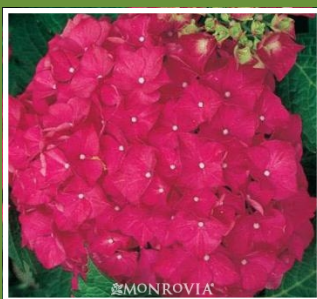


'Endless Summer', 'Cityline Venice', & 'Glowing Embers'

Blooms on new & old wood. It is best to prune these hydrangeas during or after flowering. Dead-heading (removing spent flowers) can encourage reblooming.

Oakleaf Hydrangeas: 'PeeWee' & 'Snowqueen'

Blooms on old wood. For a compact plant, prune after it flowers.



Fertilization:

Any type of phosphorous fertilizer induces flowering and will increase the number of blooms.



Winter Damage:

If we have a harsh winter or a late frost the flower buds may be damaged, which will prevent any flowering on hydrangeas that bloom on old wood. If this occurs, be patient & wait for next year.

