

Bigleaf Hydrangea
Hydrangea macrophylla



Bloom shape: Large, round with outer petals surrounding a central cluster
Colors: Can vary from pink to blue
Leaves: Large waxy oval-shaped leaves

Smooth Hydrangea
Hydrangea arborescens



Bloom shape: Large, snowball-shaped clusters
Colors: white, but some newer cultivars offer pink or green hues
Leaves: Smooth, heart-shaped leaves

Panicle Hydrangea
Hydrangea paniculata



Bloom shape: Cone-shaped that start green, turn white, then pink or red as the season progresses
Colors: Green, white, pink, and red
Leaves: Oval-shaped leaves with serrated edges

Oakleaf Hydrangea
Hydrangea quercifolia



Bloom shape: Large clusters
Colors: White turning to pink
Leaves: Oak-shaped and turn red, purple, and orange in fall

Mountain Hydrangea
Hydrangea serrata



Bloom shape: Lace cap-shaped clusters
Colors: Pink to deep red to purple
Leaves: ovate and serrated leaves

Bigleaf Hydrangea
Hydrangea macrophylla



Blooms on old wood: prune in summer or early fall Remove up to one-third of the total stems each season, starting with the weakest shoots. Cut right down to the ground. What's left is a combination of old productive wood and strong new stems that will flower next season.

Smooth Hydrangea
Hydrangea arborescens



Bloom on new wood: prune in late winter or early spring Older varieties such as the classic 'Annabelle' can become floppy and unruly. Newer varieties have been bred to be more compact. Either way, cut back to the ground (don't be afraid to prune aggressively).

Panicle Hydrangea
Hydrangea paniculata



Bloom on new wood: prune in late winter or early spring You may not need to prune panicle hydrangeas every season. If they seem overgrown or floppy, pruning will tune them up. Take off up to 30%-50% of the old growth, before they leaf out, to create a roundish shape.

Oakleaf Hydrangea
Hydrangea quercifolia



Bloom on old wood: prune in late summer or early fall after blooming. They require very little pruning; limit to the removal of dead or broken branches as needed. You can improve the shape of the plant by pruning it after it finishes flowering.

Mountain Hydrangea
Hydrangea serrata



Bloom on new and old wood: prune anytime These bloom on growth from the current year as well as previous years. The "old wood" buds provide early season color. While blooms forming on current season growth flower later, lasting through the end of the season. All need is deadheading spent flowers and pruning out dead or weak stems.