

# Hydrangea



## Care & Advice Sheet

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The ever popular Hydrangea is a late summer flowering shrub. When the borders are looking rather dull these magnificent flower heads are sure to brighten up any part of your garden right up to the first frosts.

Choose from the large Mop Heads (*hortensias*) or the Lace Caps to the Climbing Hydrangeas (*petiolaris*) a wide selection is now available.

The same plant can produce flowers that are either blue if planted in acid soil or pink if planted in neutral or alkaline soil.

## Care

- Prune lightly in spring, as the buds begin to swell. *H.macrophylla* can be pruned very hard at this time, if it is too tall or has become weak or untidy.
- They prefer a well drained, moist and fertile soil situated in a sheltered and partial shaded site.
- *H.macrophylla* may be grown in a pot, but take care not to over-water when newly potted. Conversely, they will quickly dry out once they have been in the pot for a year or two.
- Hydrangea *petiolaris* can be sited on any aspect except south.

