

Hydrangeas For North Carolina Gardeners

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Scientific Name	Common Name	Description	When to Prune
<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> 'Annabelle'	Annabelle – smooth hydrangea	Big and bold snow ball flowers gradually change from green to pure white. Plant in partial shade. Good for cut flowers. 3-4 feet tall and wide.	After bloom (flower on new wood) or in winter
<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> 'Abetwo' ppaf	Incrediball hydrangea	New and improved Annabelle. Beefy stems, massive white blooms. Plant in partial shade. Good for cut flowers. 4-5 feet tall and wide.	After bloom (flower on new wood) or in winter
<i>Hydrangea arborescens radiata</i> 'Hayes Starburst'	Hayes Starburst hydrangea	Completely sterile, dome shaped flower heads comprised of fully double star-like light yellow flowers. Plant in partial shade. Good for cut flowers. 2-3 feet tall and wide.	After bloom (flower on new wood) or in winter
<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> 'Dardom'	White Dome hydrangea	Dome shaped lacy white blooms on strong stems that hold the blooms upright. Plant in partial shade. Attracts butterflies. Good for cut flowers. 4-6 feet tall and wide.	After bloom (flower on new wood) or in winter
<i>Hydrangea anomala petiolaris</i>	Climbing hydrangea	Climbing on an elegant vine with lacy white flowers in June. Plant on a tall oak tree or on a westward brick wall. Plant in partial shade. 30 feet tall and wide.	Pruning not recommended
<i>Hydrangea anomala petiolaris</i> 'Firefly'	Climbing hydrangea – Firefly	Yellow variegated climber that shines in the spring. As summer progresses, the gold margin turns to chartreuse. Plant in partial shade. Plant in partial shade. 30 feet tall and wide.	Pruning not recommended
<i>Hydrangea anomala petiolaris</i> 'Skyland Giant'	Climbing hydrangea – Skyland Giant	Large white flowers on a climbing vine. Plant in partial shade. 30 feet tall and wide.	Pruning not recommended

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<i>Hydrangea involucrata</i> 'Wim Rutten' ppaf	Bracted Hydrangea – Blue Bunny	A drift of blue flowers from mid-summer 'til fall. It forms flower buds on new wood, and blooms abundantly and reliably every year. Plant in partial shade. 2-4 feet tall and wide.	After bloom or in winter
<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i>	Bigleaf Hydrangea	Bold flowers are either snowball-like or lace-caps. Select both flower types and a good range of colors. Buds are over-wintered on previous year's growth. Plant in partial shade. 3-5 feet tall and wide. <i>All colors are dependent on pH levels and the amount of aluminum in the soil.</i>	Immediately after bloom (flower on old wood) * only 1/3 of the plant
<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> 'All Summer Beauty'	Bigleaf Hydrangea – All Summer Beauty	Large, rich blue mophead flowers that are dependable and often rebloom. Plant in partial shade. Good for cut flowers. 3-5 feet tall and wide. <i>All colors are dependent on pH levels and the amount of aluminum in the soil.</i>	Immediately after bloom (flower on old wood) * only 1/3 of the plant
<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> 'Berlin Rabe'	Cityline Berlin compact hydrangea	Clear pink colored flowers. Leaves are very glossy and are extremely mildew resistant. Flowers are long lasting and change to an attractive green with age. Plant in partial shade. 3-5 feet tall and wide. <i>All colors are dependent on pH levels and the amount of aluminum in the soil.</i>	Immediately after bloom (flower on old wood) * only 1/3 of the plant
<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> 'Ramars' ppaf	Cityline Berlin compact hydrangea	A small plant with strong stems and big, heavy red and white variegated flowers that can be changed from red to blue with added aluminum sulfate. Flowers change to an attractive green with age. Plant in partial shade. 1-3 feet tall and wide. <i>All colors are dependent on pH levels and the amount of aluminum in the soil.</i>	Immediately after bloom (flower on old wood) * only 1/3 of the plant

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<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> 'Paris Rapa'	Cityline Paris compact hydrangea	A small plant with intense large red flowers that change to an attractive green with age. Excellent mildew resistance. Plant in partial shade. 1-3 feet tall and wide. <i>All colors are dependent on pH levels and the amount of aluminum in the soil.</i>	Immediately after bloom (flower on old wood) * only 1/3 of the plant
<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> 'Ragra' ppaf	Cityline Rio compact hydrangea	A small to medium early blooming selection with long lasting large flowers that range from strong blue to purple depending on availability of aluminum. Excellent mildew resistance. Plant in partial shade. 2-3 feet tall and wide. <i>All colors are dependent on pH levels and the amount of aluminum in the soil.</i>	Immediately after bloom (flower on old wood) * only 1/3 of the plant
<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> 'Venice Raven'	Cityline Venice compact hydrangea	Big, bright fuchsia flowers that change to an attractive green with age. Glossy foliage. Plant in partial shade. 1-3 feet tall and wide. <i>All colors are dependent on pH levels and the amount of aluminum in the soil.</i>	Immediately after bloom (flower on old wood) * only 1/3 of the plant
<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> 'Glowing Embers'	Glowing Embers compact hydrangea	Red to dark pink mop head flowers. Very dependable. Plant in partial shade. Good for cut flowers. 3-5 feet tall and wide. <i>All colors are dependent on pH levels and the amount of aluminum in the soil.</i>	Immediately after bloom (flower on old wood) * only 1/3 of the plant

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<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> 'Lemon Wave'	Lemon Wave compact hydrangea	A wild psychedelic variable blend of yellow, cream, white and green variegated foliage. Rivals the best of the variegated Hosta on the market. Mauve lace-cap flowers are rare unless you live in a very mild climate. Plant in partial shade. Good for cut flowers. 3-5 feet tall and wide. <i>All colors are dependent on pH levels and the amount of aluminum in the soil.</i>	Immediately after bloom (flower on old wood) * only 1/3 of the plant
<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> 'Robert' ppaf, cbraf	Let's Dance Moonlight	A strong re-bloomer with large, rich pink (or blue depending upon pH) mop head flowers. Strong stems and beautiful foliage with good bronze red fall color. Plant in partial shade. Good for cut flowers. 2-3 feet tall and wide.	Immediately after bloom (flower on old wood) * only 1/3 of the plant
<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> 'Lynn' ppaf, cbraf	Let's Dance Starlight	The first ever new wood blooming lace-cap. Massive blooms are vivid pink (or blue) with strong stems. Plant in partial shade. Good for cut flowers. 2-3 feet tall and wide. <i>All colors are dependent on pH levels and the amount of aluminum in the soil.</i>	Immediately after bloom (flower on old wood)* only 1/3 of the plant
<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> 'Masja'	Masja	A superb red hydrangea. Semi-dwarf plant with big red mop head flowers and attractive glossy foliage. Plant in partial shade. Good for cut flowers. 2-3 feet tall and wide. <i>All colors are dependent on pH levels and the amount of aluminum in the soil.</i>	Immediately after bloom (flower on old wood) * only 1/3 of the plant

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<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> 'Nikko Blue'	Nikko Blue	Large blue or deep-lavender mop head flower balls smother this prolific bloomer. Plant in partial shade. Good for cut flowers. 2-3 feet tall and wide. <i>All colors are dependent on pH levels and the amount of aluminum in the soil.</i>	Immediately after bloom (flower on old wood) * only 1/3 of the plant
<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> 'Parzifal'	Parzifal	A solid plant with strong stems and small clear green, dentate leaves. Blooms are tight hemispheres of large size. Mop head blooms vary in color greatly according to soil pH. Plant in partial shade. Good for cut flowers. 3-5 feet tall and wide. <i>All colors are dependent on pH levels and the amount of aluminum in the soil.</i>	Immediately after bloom (flower on old wood) * only 1/3 of the plant
<i>Hydrangea paniculata</i> 'Limelight'	Limelight	Continuous blooming plant with lime green flowers on upright stems. A combination of pink, green, and burgundy flowers in the fall. Gold Medal Award. 6-8 feet tall and wide. Plant in partial shade.	After bloom (flower on new wood) or in winter
<i>Hydrangea paniculata</i> 'Little Lamb'	Little Lamb	Compact hydrangea with full flower heads. Part sun, 4-6 feet tall and wide.	After bloom (flower on new wood) or in winter
<i>Hydrangea paniculata</i> 'Pinky Winky'	Pinky Winky	Two tone flower heads in mid-summer that are 12-16 inches long. Flowers emerge white then turn pink regardless of soil type and climate. 6-8 feet tall and wide.	After bloom (flower on new wood) or in winter
<i>Hydrangea paniculata</i> 'Quick Fire'	Quick fire	Early bloomer that begins blooming in May. Deep pink color flowers. Part shade, 6-8 feet tall and wide.	Immediately after bloom (flower on old wood) or in winter

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<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i>	Oakleaf hydrangea	Native, large deciduous shrub, with large white flowers 8-12" long in late June that fade to pink. Fantastic oak-like foliage that turns red to wine in the fall. Part sun, grows 6-10 tall and wide.	Immediately after bloom (flower on old wood)
<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> 'Alice'	Alice	Native, 12" white panicles, dark green leaves, burgundy fall foliage, part shade, 6-10' tall and wide.	Immediately after bloom (flower on old wood)
<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> 'Little Honey'	Little Honey	Native, golden yellow foliage that turns red in the fall. Part sun, 3-4' tall and wide.	Immediately after bloom (flower on old wood)
<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> 'Pee Wee'	Pee Wee	Native, compact hydrangea, white flower heads in mid-summer. Red fall foliage. Part shade, 4-5' tall and wide.	Immediately after bloom (flower on old wood)
<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> 'Sikes Dwarf'	Sikes Dwarf	Native, dwarf, numerous white flowers, part shade. 3-4 feet tall and wide.	Immediately after bloom (flower on old wood)
<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> 'Snowflake'	Snowflake	Native, large pendulous blooms with double flowers, open white, but sepals turn purple to pink. Weeping habit with brilliant red fall foliage. Part sun, 5-6 feet tall and wide.	Immediately after bloom (flower on old wood)
<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> 'Snow Queen'	Snow Queen'	Native, Large shrub, white flower heads that fade to light pink. Beautiful fall burgundy foliage. 7-20 tall and wide.	Immediately after bloom (flower on old wood)