

HYDRANGEA CARE 101



Keep watering until ground freezes solid



Prepare for winter by adding compost in fall for a boost next season. Mulch around the base for extra insulation, and wrap or cover less hardy varieties.



Water well—about 1" per week, early morning. Water more frequently during periods of drought.

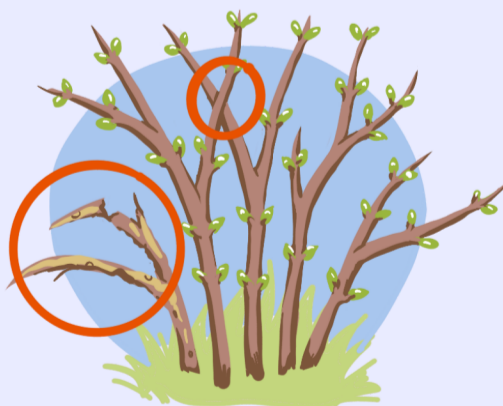
SMOOTH



PANICLE



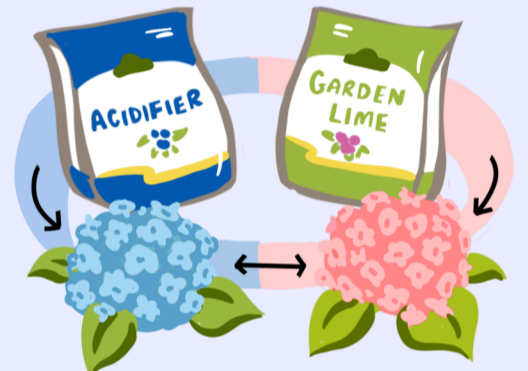
BIGLEAF



Prune dead, damaged, diseased, & unwanted (duplicates, parallels or rubbing) branches.



Fertilize smooth hydrangeas once early spring, panicle once in spring & once in fall, & bigleaf 3x—early spring, summer, & late summer. Use a well-balanced fertilizer like Plant-Tone



Some varieties, like Endless Summer, change bloom color with soil pH! Use a soil acidifier to encourage blue blooms, & garden lime to encourage pink.



Prune varieties that bloom on new wood (panicle & smooth) in early spring, & varieties blooming on old wood (bigleaf) in late spring, summer, or fall.