

How to Grow Hydrangeas Successfully in India

- 1. **Select the Right Variety:** Choose heat-tolerant types like Panicle or Smooth Hydrangeas for warmer areas, and Bigleaf for cooler climates.
- 2. **Choose the Ideal Location:** Ensure partial shade, preferably with morning sun and afternoon protection.
- 3. **Prepare the Soil:** Use well-draining soil rich in organic matter. Amend with compost and adjust pH as needed.
- 4. Plant at the Right Time: Plant during the monsoon (June–September) or early winter (October–November) for best root establishment.
- 5. **Water Consistently:** Keep the soil evenly moist, especially in dry or arid regions. Avoid waterlogging.
- 6. **Apply Mulch:** Use mulch to retain moisture and keep soil temperatures steady.
- 7. **Fertilise Moderately:** Use a balanced 10-10-10 fertiliser in early spring and late summer to promote blooms.
- 8. **Protect from Heat:** Use shade netting or natural shade in peak summers to prevent wilting or leaf scorch.

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