

How to Grow and Care for the Tallest Hydrangeas

- 1. **Choose the Right Location:** Pick a spot with partial to full sun and well-draining soil enriched with compost.
- 2. **Water Consistently:** Keep the soil evenly moist, especially during hot months and the establishment phase.
- 3. **Feed in Spring:** Apply a balanced, slow-release fertiliser to promote lush growth and vibrant blooms.
- 4. **Prune by Variety:**
 - Panicle Hydrangeas prune in early spring (new wood bloomer).
 - Climbing/Oakleaf prune after flowering (old wood bloomer).
- 5. **Protect from Pests:** Monitor for aphids, spider mites, and mildew. Use neem oil or insecticidal soap if needed.
- 6. Support Taller Plants: Use stakes or trellises for climbing types or large flowering panicles.
- 7. **Prepare for Winter:** Add mulch at the base and use burlap if harsh frost is expected.

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