



## How to Choose the Right Hydrangea (Online or In-Store)

1. 🔍 **Check the Label:** Confirm it's a garden hydrangea, not a florist one. Look for hardy varieties like *macrophylla*, *paniculata*, or *arborescens*.
2. 🌸 **Assess Flower Type:** Decide between mophead, lacecap, or panicle based on your garden style and colour preferences.
3. 📦 **If Buying Online:** Read customer reviews, look at packaging photos, and confirm plant size (not just pot size).
4. 🌿 **Check Root Health:** In-store, gently lift the pot to check for well-developed but not rootbound roots.
5. 🌱 **Inspect Leaves & Stems:** Avoid plants with yellowing, wilted, or spotty leaves. Look for strong, green growth.
6. 📏 **Consider Mature Size:** Make sure the plant's adult size suits your space - some hydrangeas grow up to 2m wide!
7. 🧪 **Know Your Soil:** If you want blue flowers, your soil should be acidic (or use ericaceous compost in pots).
8. 📅 **Shop in Season:** Spring and early summer are best. Avoid heatwaves or frost periods for new planting.