



How to Grow and Care for a Hydrangea Tree

1. 🌿 **Choose the Right Variety:** Select strong-stemmed *Hydrangea paniculata* types like 'Limelight' or 'Vanilla Strawberry'—ideal for tree form.
2. 📍 **Pick the Perfect Spot:** Plant in **full sun to partial shade** with well-drained, fertile soil and shelter from strong winds.
3. 🪴 **Pre-Soak the Root Ball:** Before planting, fully submerge the potted plant in water until bubbling stops (1–2 mins) to hydrate the roots.
4. 🌱 **Plant with Care:** Dig a wide hole, enrich the soil with compost, and position the tree at ground level. Firm the soil gently and water deeply.
5. 💧 **Water Regularly:** Keep the soil consistently moist, especially during the first two years. Avoid letting it dry out or become soggy.
6. 🍁 **Mulch Generously:** Apply a 5–7 cm layer of organic mulch to retain moisture and suppress weeds—but keep it away from the trunk.
7. 🪄 **Feed Annually:** Use a balanced, slow-release fertiliser (e.g. 10-10-10) in early spring to support growth and flowering.
8. ✂️ **Prune Properly:** In late winter, remove old stems, suckers and dead wood, and shape the canopy to encourage fresh blooms on new wood.
9. 🪵 **Support When Needed:** Stake young trees and use discreet supports if blooms become too heavy.
10. 🛠️ **Monitor and Maintain:** Watch for signs of pests, yellowing leaves, or floppy branches—and act promptly with care solutions.