



How to Grow and Care for *Hydrangea macrophylla*

1. 🛁 **Soak the root ball:** Submerge the plant pot in water until no bubbles rise.
2. ☀️ **Choose the right location:** Pick a spot with morning sun and afternoon shade.
3. 🌱 **Prepare the soil:** Ensure well-draining, slightly acidic soil rich in organic matter.
4. 🌿 **Plant with care:** Dig a wide hole, place the plant, and backfill gently.
5. 💧 **Water thoroughly:** Keep soil consistently moist, especially in dry periods.
6. 🍁 **Mulch around the base:** Use organic mulch to retain moisture and prevent weeds.
7. ✂️ **Prune in spring:** Only remove dead wood and faded blooms after frost risk is over.
8. 🧪 **Adjust pH:** Use aluminum sulfate for blue blooms or lime for pink flowers.
9. 🌿 **Fertilise moderately:** Apply balanced fertiliser in spring and summer.
10. 🛡️ **Protect in winter:** Mulch heavily and avoid pruning before winter.

💡 Pro Tip: Regularly test your soil pH to maintain consistent bloom colour!
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