

INDOOR HYDRANGEA

Hydrangeas are normally known as outdoor plants for shady moist areas, but they are also available as indoor blooming plants. These hydrangeas are greenhouse grown, and can be planted outside, but you should wait until all danger of frost has passed.

Indoors, keep a hydrangea in a place that gets some light during the day, but not full blazing sun. Be sure to keep it away from heat vents and air conditioners. It is important to keep it moist at all times. The blooms will usually retain their color for a month or so.

Hydrangeas are very easy plants to care for, as long as you plant them in the right spot. Pick a spot outdoors that is somewhat shady (although morning sun is ok). If you can find a spot where the soil stays moist, that would be the perfect home for the plant. The more moisture the hydrangea gets, the happier it is. They will wilt during extreme heat, even if they are in the shade. Don't panic tho—just give the temperatures a chance to cool down a little, and the plant will look fine.

Soil pH is important when it comes to bloom color on a hydrangea. A low pH will cause the blooms to turn pink, while a high pH will cause them to turn blue or lavender. This change will only happen with pink or blue varieties. If the blooms are white, they should stay white. To keep a plant pink, add lime to the soil. If you like it blue, add aluminum sulfate or some form of sulfur.

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