

CARING FOR YOUR ENDLESS SUMMER HYDRANGEA

Thank you for purchasing Endless Summer Hydrangea. Now that you have the first hydrangea that blooms on new growth with the ability to rebloom all summer long, here are some tips to make Endless Summer the center of attraction in your yard.

We recommend planting your hydrangeas in a location that allows for full morning sun with dappled shade in the afternoon. Allow for 2-3 hours of morning sun with afternoon dappled or part shade.

The Endless Summer Hydrangea is slow to break dormancy and will not start to grow until the ground has sufficiently warmed up. This could be as late as early to mid-June. Be patient, you may only get growth from the base of the plant coming up from the soil.

Once you see growth, you can cut the dead branches back to the new green growth. This is the time to apply fertilizer and Aluminum Sulfate for blue flowers. To encourage flowering, we recommend a fertilizer low in nitrogen and high in phosphorus, with a number over 30. For instance, an N-P-K ratio of 10-40-10 would be ideal.

You should see some signs of blooms by the middle of July.

Stop fertilizing in mid-August so the shrubs can begin going dormant.

Keep the soil moist until the ground freezes.

Cut the shrubs back to around 8-12". You will need to cover the plant in order to winterize it. This can be accomplished with leaves, straw or other similar material.

Do not cover the plant until it is full dormant. This is usually around the end of November, around the same time that you would normally cover perennials in your garden. An easy trick is to fill a plastic garbage bag with leaves from your yard, and then gently set it on top of the plant. When the ground thaws in the spring, simply remove the bag and there is no mess to clean up. Regardless of how much you mulch, plan on taking the mulch off the plant when you uncover your perennials after the ground thaws.

Over Wintering Container Planted Hydrangeas

If your hydrangeas are planted in a container, bring the entire container into your garage for the winter months, and follow the same steps as garden-planted hydrangeas. Container plants will not require as much mulch but should be lightly watered throughout the winter months since they will not receive moisture from snow and rain.

For more information, please stop in and talk with one of our associates, or you may enjoy browsing the Endless Summer Collection website linked below. If your hydrangeas are not blooming, check out the second link or scan the QR code that covers potential reasons that your hydrangeas are not blooming and how to alleviate the issue.

<https://endlesssummerblooms.com/the-collection/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkuyY2-UfDI>

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