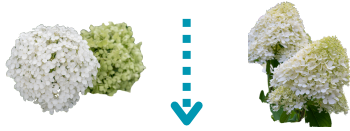


Why isn't my Hydrangea Blooming?

Which Hydrangea are you growing?

Smooth (*H. arborescens*)
or **Panicle** (*H. paniculata*)



How long ago was it planted?

< 2 years

Root system hasn't had enough time to establish. Mulch and keep well watered; it will bloom in time.

2+ years

Sun exposure time?

4+ hrs

Did you cut it back?

< 4 hrs

Needs more sun.

No

Deer damage or low light.

Yes

When?

Fall

Late Spring/
Summer

Deer damage or low light.

Buds removed - blooming may be delayed or not occur. Prune in late winter or early spring.

Bigleaf (*H. macrophylla*)
or **Mountain** (*H. serrata*)



Did you cut it back?

Yes

Oops! You cut off the flower buds. Avoid pruning.

No

Do you live in a cold climate?

Yes

Flower buds were killed by cold. Move to a more protected spot; protect plant on spring nights when frost or freeze threatens.

No

Too much shade or deer damage.

But it's a reblooming hydrangea!

Not all reblooming hydrangeas are equal - some need to reach a certain height to set new wood buds.

Climbing (*H. petiolaris*)
or **Oakleaf** (*H. quercifolia*)



How old is the plant?

< 5 years

These plants tend to need time to mature before flowering well. Give them more time.

5+ years

Did you cut it back?

Yes

Oops! You cut off the flower buds. Avoid pruning.

No

Deer damage or low light.

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