

WHY ISN'T MY HYDRANGEA BLOOMING?

Which hydrangea do you own?

SMOOTH
(*arborescens*)



-or-
PANICLE
(*paniculata*)



How long ago did you plant it?

<2 years

2+ years

Needs more time to develop a root system. Mulch and keep well watered: it will bloom in time.

How much light does it get?

<4 hours

4+ hours

Needs more sun

Did you cut it back?

When?

Fall

Late spring/
summer

Deer damage or low light

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

CLIMBING
(*petiolaris*)



-or-
OAKLEAF
(*quercifolia*)



How old is the plant?

<5 years

5+ years

These plants tend to need to be more mature to flower well. Give them more time.

Did you cut it back?

Yes

No

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

Deer damage or low light

BIGLEAF
(*macrophylla*)



-or-
MOUNTAIN
(*serrata*)



Did you cut it back?

Yes

No

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

Do you live in a cold climate?

Yes

No

Flower buds were killed by cold. Protect plant on spring nights when Frostier freeze threatens.

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 buds on new wood.

