

## Hydrangeas for the Northeast Garden

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### Common species;

*macrophylla*: ps/shade, moist soil ( will even tolerate boggy) watch bud hardiness. Pick cultivars that bloom on new and old wood

*serrata* or *mountain hydrangea* :tolerates more sun, great Fall color, better hardiness, blooms on old wood but reliably

*arborescens* or *smooth hydrangea*: native, very hardy , will tolerate full sun if watered well, blooms on new wood can be weak stemmed

*quercifolia* or *oakleaf hydrangea*: ps/shade blooms on old wood ,Fall color

*paniculata* : full sun, less water than others, white conical shaped bloom that matures to pink/red, can be pruned to tree form, blooms on new wood

Soil ph: some hydrangeas will change their bloom color depending on soil ph and available aluminum. Under 5.5 for blues, 6.5 and up for pinks and reds

### Winter and bloom problems: [Hydrangeasinthenorth.com](http://Hydrangeasinthenorth.com)

Pruning : know whether hydrangea blooms on new or old wood before pruning

Container Choices: many newer varieties that bloom on new and old wood for long blooming season. Water and fertilize well. *Paniculata* types can be left unprotected over winter, but other species may need to be wrapped or put in garage/shed.



## Finding new hydrangeas:

Kennedy's Country Gardens in Scituate

Proven Winners retailers

Opus Plants

Online : Forest Farms, Quacking Grass Nursery, Hydrangeas Plus

## Hydrangeas mentioned in this presentation

*h. macrophylla* 'Blushing Bride'

'Bloomstruck'

'All Summer Beauty'

'LA Dreamin'

'Nikko Blue'

Forever and Ever Series

Let's Dance Series ( Starlight, Moonlight, Rhapsody in Blue)

'Abracadabra Orb'

*h. serrata* 'Twist and Shout'

'Prezoisa'

'Blue Billows'

'Mountain Mojo' and 'Mountain Mania'

*h. arborescens* 'Annabelle' 'Bella Anna' 'Incrediball' and 'Invincibelle Spirit'

*h. paniculata* 'Quick Fire' and 'Little Quickfire'

'Fire and Ice' 'Great Star'

'Limelight' and 'Little Lime'

*h. quercifolia* 'Ruby Slippers'

'Snowflake'

*Hydrangea aspera* and *aspera* subsp. *sargentiana*

*Hydrangea involucrata* 'Yokudanka' and 'Blue Bunny'

For container: 'Little lime' and 'Limelight', 'Pistachio' 'Forever Red' 'Tiny Tuff Stuff' 'Together' 'Abracadabra Orb' 'Quickfire' 'Little Quickfire'