

## **Hydrangeas**

## **MACROPHYLLA VARIETIES**

Shade-loving shrubs which produce large round blooms in shades of either pink, blue or purple (depending on soil pH) on rounded plants achieving roughly 3'-6' tall and wide.

\*\*\*See separate Hydrangea care sheet\*\*\*

<u>Endless Summer</u>: Undoubtedly the most popular variety. If you have a shade area to landscape you should consider using this plant. Unlike older varieties this cultivar produces <u>mophead</u> blooms on old growth and new.

**Blushing Bride**: Pure white blooms with semi-double florets gradually mature to a sweet, pink blush. The disease and mildew-resistant foliage is an attractive dark green, providing a striking background for Blushing Bride's mophead blooms. Blooms on old wood and new- but faster than Endless Summer.

<u>Twist and Shout</u>: Newest introduction in the Endless Summer series. Produces delicate lacecap type blooms on old wood and new.

<u>Lady in Red</u>: Unique lacecap variety. Blooms open pinkish-white and turn a lush burgundy as they mature. Foliage is reddish-purple in Fall with distinctive red stems.

## **OAKLEAF VARIETIES**

1 of the most popular shade plants. Oakleaf hydrangeas are a slow growing plant which usually grow 4'-8' tall and wider due to suckering. They have deeply lobed, leathery oak-like, leaves which turn maroon and bronze in Fall. The large, cream-colored cone-shaped flowers turn a "dusty rose" color as they age-making great dried flowers. Older woody stems have peeling, cinnamon-brown bark. Pruning should be done after flowering since the plant blooms on old wood.

<u>Alice:</u> The largest, most vigorous of the species reaching up to 15' tall at maturity. Very large blooms may grow to 12" long.

**Snow Queen**: Very popular variety. Blooms are held distinctively upright habit with pure white blooms. Mature size: 4'-5' tall X 5'-6' wide.