

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

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

'Abracadabra Orb'

h. serrata 'Twist and Shout'

'Prezoisa'

'Blue Billows'

'Mountain Mojo' and 'Mountain Mania'

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

'Fire and Ice'

'Great Star'

h. quercifolia 'Ruby Slippers'

'Snowflake'

Hydrangea aspera and *aspera* subsp. *sargentiana*

Hydrangea involucrata 'Yokudanka' and 'Blue Bunny'

