WHY ISN'T MY HYDRANGEA BLOOMING? Which hydrangea do you grow? Smooth (H. arborescens) Bigleaf (H. macrophylla) Climbing (H. petiolaris) Or Panicle (H. paniculata) Or Mountain (H. serrata) Or Oakleaf (H. quercifolia) How old is the plant? How Long ago did you plant it? Did you cut it back? < 2 years < 5 years 2+ years Yes 5+ years How much sun Did we have an Did you cut it back? Oops! You cut These plants tend to Needs more does it get? unusually cold off the flower need to be more time to winter / late freeze? buds. Avoid mature to flower well. establish the 4+ hours < 4 hours pruning. Give it more time. root system. Yes No Mulch and No Needs Did you cut keep well more it back? watered, it will Oops! You cut Not enough sun bloom in time. Planted in Flower buds may have sun or deer off the flower too much been killed by cold. Move buds. Avoid damage shade or plant to a more protected pruning. deer spot: protect the plant on damage When? spring nights when there Not enough **Tips for Success** is a frost or freeze sun or deer warning. damage Late spring All hydrangeas need some sun each day. Many people think of Fall / summer hydrangeas as shade plants, but they look & flower best with at least 4 hours of sun (ideally in the morning). Panicle hydrangeas are the most Don't worry too much! sun tolerant and can take full sun in northern climates. These are reblooming

hydrangea varieties! If

the plant is mature, it

should recover and

provide some blooms this

season.

Oops! Late pruning

removed the flower

buds: booming may

be delayed or not

occur this year.

Prune in fall or late

winter.

Not enough

sun or deer

damage

- ➤ Hydrangeas need plenty of water, especially as they are getting established. They have shallow roots, so they dry out quickly. A two-to-three-inch layer of shredded bark mulch will help keep the plant happy.
- Moist but well drained soil is required (hydrangeas do not tolerate "wet feet")
- > Only Bigleaf and Mountain hydrangeas can change color in a predictable way. Speak to one of our staff if you would like to know more.