

Cultural Information- Hydrangea
 (hy-DRAIN-juh)

<u>Light:</u>	Full sun; a southern exposure is best.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 35°. Hardy to Zone 6 in outdoor plantings. Although they will survive in colder zones, they won't flower well.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Best to maintain humidity above 50% although it will tolerate lower levels without harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring the soil to visual dryness between waterings and then thoroughly saturate.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Moderate feeder under warmth and high light. Feed with a low-level, balanced fertilizer no higher than a 15-15-15 at regular intervals through its active growing season. Discontinue in mid-summer to allow growth to harden off.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Prune after flowering is complete.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few problems with insects or diseases.
<u>Comments:</u>	The lace cap hydrangea is both a great plant for pot culture when grown under cool conditions in the winter as well as for outdoor planting in the ground. The ph of the soil will regulate the color of the blooms: acid soil produces blue flowers and alkaline soils produce lavender flowers. Plants grown in zones lower than 6, where the previous season's canes die back, will not bloom well.