Changing Hydrangea Color

Today on Gardening in a Minute: changing hydrangea color.

Hydrangeas are fascinating because, unlike most other plants, the color of their flowers can change dramatically.

And the fun part is that gardeners can control a hydrangea’s flower color, just by incorporating special additives into the soil!

Hydrangeas that are planted in acidic soils will produce blue flowers, while those planted in alkaline soils will have pink flowers. The exceptions are cultivars that are genetically bred to be either pink or pure white.

If your hydrangea is producing blue flowers and you want them to be pink, you’ll need to incorporate lime into the soil. To turn pink flowers to blue, use aluminum sulfate.

Remember that it may take two or three blooming cycles before the flowers reach the desired color and color intensity.

For more information about hydrangeas and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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