

Evaluation card: Hydrangea



Evaluation criteria for Hydrangea

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Incoming inspection	✓	Height
	✓	Pot size
	✓	Grade
	✓	Damage
General	✓	Animal parasites
	✓	Disease
	✓	Decorative value of foliage
		Continued growth
		Roots
Flowers	✓	Number of flowers
		Percentage of colour
	✓	End of flowering
	✓	Bud/flower desiccation and/or bud/flower abscission
		Percentage in flower
Foliage	✓	Yellowing
	✓	Lesions/spots/discoloured edges
	✓	Leaf desiccation
	✓	Leaf abscission
		Wilting leaves
		Chilling injury
Berries		Berry abscission
		Berry desiccation
		Berry discolouration

Specific Grade

Record: maturity stage and number of umbels according to the 'VBN purchase specifications for plants'.

Flowers

Description: umbels that have acquired sufficient colour.

Record: the number of umbels.

End of flowering

Description: the umbels start to wilt, become transparent or turn brown.

Record: the number of umbels out of flower.

Reject: if more than 50% of the total number of umbels is out of flower and/or desiccated. An umbel is out of flower when more than 50% of the flowers on the umbel are out of flower and/or desiccated.

Bud/flower desiccation

Description: the umbels dry out.

Record: the number of desiccated umbels.

Reject: if more than 50% of the total number of umbels is out of flower and/or desiccated.

Discolouration

Description: the umbels change colour.

Record: the degree of discolouration.

Botrytis

Description: grey or dark lesions appear on the leaves, sometimes accompanied by downy mildew.

Reject: if more than 25% of the total leaf area is affected by this phenomenon.

Watering

Description: it is recommended to immerse Hydrangeas in water.

Examples of decorative value



Decorative value 5



Decorative value 4



Decorative value 3



Decorative value 2



Decorative value 1

The decorative value scale holds only for the foliage, which is why the flowers have been removed for the photos.

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