Why are my Hydrangea not blooming?

Smooth (arborescens) Or Panicle (paniculate)

How long ago did you plant it?

- <2 years → Needs more time to develop root system. Mulch & keep well watered, it will bloom in time.
- 2+ years → How much light does it get?
  - 4+ hours → Did you cut it back?
    - yes → When?
      - Fall → Deer Damage or low light
      - Late Spring/ Summer → Buds removed—blooming may be delayed or not occur, prune in late winter or early spring
  - <4 hours → Needs more sun

Bigleaf (macrophylla) or Mountain (serrata)

Did you cut it back?

- yes → Oops! You cut off the flower buds. Avoid pruning
- No → Do you live in a cold climate?
  - yes → Flower buds were killed by cold. Move to a more protected spot; protect plant on frosty nights.
  - No → Too much shade or deer damage

Even if it's a reblooming hydrangea they are not all equal and some need to reach a certain height to set new wood buds.

Climbing (petiolaris) or Oakleaf (quercifolia)

How old is the plant?

- < 5 years → Give them more time! They need to be more mature to flower
- 5+ years → Did you cut it back?
  - yes → Oops! You cut off the flower buds. Avoid Pruning
  - No → Deer damage or low light