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Quick Fire® Hydrangea

Hydrangea paniculata 'Bulk'

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Description:

As its name implies, this variety blooms a full month ahead of other panicle hydrangeas for about the longest season of bloom a shrub can have; features large conical flower heads that start white and fade through pink to a rich rose lasting into fall

Ornamental Features

Quick Fire Hydrangea features bold conical white flowers with pink overtones at the ends of the branches from early summer to late fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Quick Fire Hydrangea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Quick Fire Hydrangea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



Quick Fire Hydrangea flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Quick Fire Hydrangea in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Quick Fire Hydrangea will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



Quick Fire Hydrangea flowers (faded)
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