Features

Dwarf 'Limelight' hydrangea!

Compared to its famous sibling 'Limelight', Little Lime hardy hydrangea (*Hydrangea paniculata*) may seem like a pipsqueak. Don't let this petite shrub fool you. While maintaining its short stature of 3-5' tall and wide, it really packs a visual punch in the garden. In summer, lime green blooms open on strong stems – no drooping here. As it ages, rich pink coloring emerges to prolong the show through fall.

Little Lime hydrangea is small enough to grow in containers and also stands out as a bold mass planting. Its bright bloom coloration makes it an excellent choice for cut flower gardens and can be used fresh or dried. This reliable performer blooms on new wood, so a quick trim in late winter or early spring will encourage fresh growth and an abundance of buds. Like most hardy hydrangeas, it is hardy to Zone 3 and does best in full sun or part shade.

Summer flowers open soft green and turn pink and burgundy in fall.

Characteristics

Duration: Shrub

Shrub Type: Deciduous

Height Category: Medium

Garden Height: 36 - 60 Inches

Spacing: 36 - 60 Inches

Spread: 36 - 60 Inches

Plant Needs

Light Requirement: Part Sun to Sun

Maintenance Category: Easy

Blooms On: New Wood

Bloom Time: Early Summer Mid-Summer Late Summer Flower Colors:

Green and Pink

Flower Shade: Green, turning pink in fall

Foliage Colors: Green

Foliage Shade: Green

Habit: Mounded

Container Role: Thriller

Hardiness Zones:

3a, 3b, 4a, 4b, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b

Water Category:

Average

Uses:

Border Plant Container Cut Flower Dried Flower Landscape

Uses Notes:

Excellent for the mixed border or foundation plantings. This compact, hardy hydrangea fits easily into smaller landscapes, including container gardens.

Maintenance Notes:

Prune in late winter/early spring. Apply a controlled release fertilizer in early spring. A supplemental dose of liquid feed may be needed in mid-summer. Soil pH does not affect bloom color.