

GROWER'S GUIDE

Technical Information for Growing 'Big Daddy' Hydrangea

Hydrangea macrophylla 'Big Daddy' PP14527



KEY FEATURES

- Gigantic pink or blue blooms
- Grows well in hot, humid summers
- Fast-growing with low to no maintenance

PROPAGATION

- Time of Year: March–April
- Type of Wood: Soft tip cuttings
- Hormone Used: None
- Rooting Time: 30 days; fast

GROWING/PLANTING FROM LINERS

Media:

- Regular ornamental soil mix
- Soil / Bark 60% new screen bark and 40% aged screened bark
- Lime: 5 lbs per cubic yard
- Talstar (Fire Ant Control): 3.5 lbs (check your soil bark density)

Media pH: 5.5–6.0

Media EC: 1.5–2.0

Exposure: Part Shade

Finishing Time:

- **1 gallon:** Plant liner in early spring and it will finish that fall
- **1 gallon:** Plant liner in July/Aug

and it will finish with spring flush

- **2 gallon:** Plant line in early spring and it will finish with spring flush
- **3 gallon:** Plant line in early spring and it will finish with spring flush

Moisture: Consistent

Fertilizer: Slow-release fertilizer

- Harrell's 18-5-13 or
- Osmocote 15-9-11 or
- Nutricote 18-8-8
- For blue blooms: apply slow-release Aluminum Sulfate in Jan/Feb

Common Pests: Powdery mildew, mites, cercospora leaf spot and slugs

Trimming: After bloom (summer before Aug/Sep)

HOME GARDEN INFO:

Light: Shade to part shade

Mature Size: 5-6' H x 5-6' W

USDA Hardiness: 6-9

Uses: Accent, hedge, mass planting



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