

Quick Fire Fab®

Panicle Hydrangea

Hydrangea paniculata

Absolutely fabulous!

Quick Fire Fab panicle hydrangea shares the same super-early bloom time, rock-solid reliability, and easy-going nature of the original Quick Fire hydrangea, but adds big, full, showy mophead blooms to the mix. How fabulous is that? It's the best way to get the earliest possible panicle hydrangea flowers, expanding the seasonal display by two weeks or more every year.

If you look closely at the lush blooms, you'll see each floret has an unusual cruciform shape which gives them a textural effect you won't find in other panicle hydrangeas. As the blooms age, they turn blush pink, then bright pink, then red, from the bottom up, making each one look like a big delicious ice cream cone that goes from vanilla to berry as the summer progresses. Quick Fire Fab provides 3+ months of flowers and color in your landscape or garden, and does it all with almost no work or effort from you.

Top reasons to grow Quick Fire Fab hydrangea:

- The earliest blooming mophead panicle hydrangea - enjoy extra weeks of blooms
- Unique X-shaped flowers go from white to pink to bright pink to deep red through the season
- Strong, sturdy stems keep blooms clean, upright, and showy all year round

Long Blooming

Fall Interest

Deadheading Not Necessary

CHARACTERISTICS

Plant Type: Shrub

Shrub Type: Deciduous

Height Category: Tall

Garden Height: 72 - 96 Inches

Spacing: 60 - 72 Inches

Spread: 60 - 72 Inches

Flower Colors: Pink; Red; White

Flower Shade: White, turning bright pink and red shades in fall

Foliage Colors: Green

Foliage Shade: Green

Habit: Upright

Container Role: Thriller

PLANT NEEDS

Light Requirement: Part Sun to Sun; Sun

Maintenance Category: Easy

Blooms On: New Wood

Bloom Time: Early Summer; Mid-Summer; Late Summer

Hardiness Zones: 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b

Water Category: Average; Needs Good Drainage

Soil Fertility Requirement: Average Soil

Soil PH Category: Acidic Soil; Alkaline Soil; Neutral Soil

Uses: Border Plant; Container; Cut Flower; Dried Flower; Good for Screening; Landscape; Mass Planting; Specimen or Focal Point

Uses Notes:

With its full size and vigorous growth, Quick Fire Fab will make a commanding specimen in the landscape or a truly memorable flowering hedge..

Maintenance Notes:

Prune by cutting back the main branches by one-third in late winter or early spring. You may also prune in late fall, once it has gone completely dormant, if desired.

Panicle hydrangeas require well-drained soil. As such, we do not recommend amending the soil when you plant them.

Fertilize in early spring (just as the ground begins to thaw in cold climates) if desired, using a granular rose fertilizer. You may fertilize monthly through late July for more rapid growth, but this is not necessary for a healthy, abundantly-blooming plant.

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