Early Sensation Hydrangea

Hydrangea paniculata 'Early Sensation'



Early Sensation Hydrangea flowers
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Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Description:

A showy early summer blooming shrub with cone-shaped panicles of mixed sterile and fertile white flowers which turn pink to red in late summer to fall; acidic soil results in blue flowers; regular pruning recommended to maintain bushy appearance

Ornamental Features

Early Sensation Hydrangea features bold conical white flowers with shell pink overtones at the ends of the branches from early summer to early fall, which emerge from distinctive green flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Early Sensation 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.

Early Sensation Hydrangea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Early Sensation Hydrangea will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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.