

# Limelight Prime® Panicle Hydrangea

## *Hydrangea paniculata*

Limelight Prime Hydrangea is an improved, more refined 'Limelight', with darker leaves, stronger stems, a more compact habit, and upright growth. It makes a great container plant. The blooms emerge a vivid lime-green and maintain that color until they transition into a bubblegum pink and then a deep punch pink. It also makes an excellent cut flower, fresh or dried. It is drought tolerant and blooms every year, even in cold climates. blooms much earlier, creating a longer display.

- Bolder, brighter color. As the green blooms age, they develop pink and red tones that are far more vivid and showy than conventional panicle hydrangeas.
- Stronger stems. The strong stems are strong and you can count on Limelight Prime to hold its big blooms up all summer long.
- Useful smaller size. Limelight Prime reaches a very garden- and landscape-friendly 4-6'/1.2-1.8m tall and 4-5'/1.2-1.5m wide.

You can count on Limelight Prime hydrangea to produce dozens of big, beautiful, mop head blooms every year, even in cold climates. It also makes a fantastic cut flower, both fresh and dried. And it's still one of the easiest to grow, most rewarding hydrangeas you can plant.

Long Blooming; Fall Interest; Deadheading Not Necessary

### **CHARACTERISTICS**

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Shrub Type:** Deciduous

**Height Category:** Medium

**Garden Height:** 48 - 72 Inches

**Spacing:** 48 - 60 Inches

**Spread:** 48 - 60 Inches

**Flower Colors:** Green; Pink; Red

**Flower Shade:** Green, 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:

Limelight Prime hydrangea is an excellent choice for a commanding specimen or flowering hedge. It's also nice as a backdrop for a garden, or as the centerpiece of a perennial or flower garden.

### 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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