



Hydrangea, Let's Dance Lovable Hydrangea macrophylla 'SMNHMTB'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: 0

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: French Hydrangea, Big Leaf Hydrangea

Group/Class: Let's Dance Series

# **Description:**

A floriferous compact shrub producing large, hot pink to royal purple mop-head blooms that cover the plant; blooms on both old and new wood; ideal for the shrub border or foundation garden in the afternoon shade; soil pH affects bloom color

### **Ornamental Features**

Hydrangea, Let's Dance Lovable features bold balls of hot pink flowers with royal blue overtones at the ends of the branches from early summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The glossy pointy leaves turn an outstanding burgundy in the fall.

### Landscape Attributes

Hydrangea, Let's Dance Lovable is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. 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 should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Hydrangea, Let's Dance Lovable is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

# **Planting & Growing**

Hydrangea, Let's Dance Lovable will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.



Hydrangea, Let's Dance Lovable flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



This shrub does best in partial shade to shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. 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, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

# **Special Attributes**

Grows best in Eastern Washington and Oregon Desert climate, when shaded from 11 am to 7 pm.