



Hydrangea, Puffer Fish

Hydrangea paniculata 'NCHP1'

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Description:

An attractive compact variety that provides an abundance of large, puffy, conical white flowers at the ends of the branches over an extended period; flowers start out white and mature to pink towards fall; benefits from a regular pruning regimen

Ornamental Features

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

Landscape Attributes

Hydrangea, Puffer Fish is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Hydrangea, Puffer Fish is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



Hydrangea, Puffer Fish flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Hydrangea, Puffer Fish in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Planting & Growing

Hydrangea, Puffer Fish will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, 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. 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. 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.