



Hydrangea, Glowing Embers

Hydrangea macrophylla 'Glowing Embers'

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: French Hydrangea, Bigleaf Hydrangea

Description:

This much-desired showy summer-blooming garden shrub produces large deep pink globe-shaped flowers all summer long, somewhat coarse leaves; blooms on old wood so protection of flower buds in winter may be necessary

Ornamental Features

Hydrangea, Glowing Embers features bold balls of hot pink flowers with red overtones at the ends of the branches from mid summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The glossy pointy leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Hydrangea, Glowing Embers 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, Glowing Embers is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Hydrangea, Glowing Embers will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot 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 approximately 20 years.



Hydrangea, Glowing Embers 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, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. 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.