

Snow Queen Oakleaf Hydrangea



It flowers beautifully in almost complete shade and the white flowers certainly brighten up dark areas.

Hydrangea quercifolia 'Snow Queen'

- **Use:** Some improvements make this Oakleaf Hydrangea significantly better. Its upright habit is useful in small spaces; its rich green leaves take full sun and its large, white, well-filled flower heads are held on rigid stems and do not droop after rain. The beauty of the oakleaf hydrangea is that it succeeds admirably in both sun or shade. In the wild, they grow mostly in wooded areas with dappled sunshine. This is ideal but by no means a requirement.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Partial sun. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Keep water off leaves. a dramatic, white-blooming shrub with four seasons of interest. A tremendous advantage of the Oakleaf is that it can thrive in much dryer locations than its cousins. Mopheads struggle in my sandy soil, but the Oakleaf hydrangeas thrive with very little attention.
- **Growth:** Fast-growing to 4 to 6 feet high; equal width in only 3 –4 years.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Coarse shrub with large lobed foliage and exfoliating bark. Reddish brown fall color.
- **Flower:** DOUBLE white flowers in 6-12in. panicles in summer. Blooms July –August.