Big Daddy Hosta



Shade loving and very easy to grow!

Hosta 'Big Daddy'

- <u>Use:</u> Hostas are exceedingly popular perennials in today's gardens due to their versatility in the landscape. Their subtle colors, tall flower scapes, and broad, coarse leaves fill a niche in garden designs that few other plants can achieve. Their large leaves provide excellent coverage for dying bulb foliage. Hostas also grow well in city environments where the air may be polluted by car exhaust, etc.
- Exposure/Soil: Filtered sun is best for the colorful varieties to reach their full color contrast. The green and blue hostas are the most shade-tolerant. Usually the yellow cultivars are the most sun-tolerant. The most dangerous is a direct sunshine, especially hot afternoon sun. This is the most critical where temperatures are high. Variegated varieties, especially those with a lot of white in the leaves, burn very easily. Blue color of leaves turns to green-blue or even fully green with too much direct sun. Plants with thick leaves are better suited for dry soil conditions than thin-leaved ones, but none is able to grow years-long in very dry soil. Plant hostas in moist, humus-rich soil.
- **Growth:** Will grow 24" to tall and spreads up to 3' wide.
- <u>Hardiness</u>: Zone 3a-9; Perennial
- <u>Foliage</u>: Deciduous. Described as one of the best large blue hostas available, 'Big Daddy' forms a very large mass of thick, chalky blue leaves. The rounded leaves become cupped and puckered when mature. Heavy substance helps to make this hosta more slug resistant.
- **Flower:** In late summer, near-white, bell-shaped flowers are produced just at the top of the foliage.