

# Let's Dance Big Band Hydrangea



**A must have for every shade garden!**

## *Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Let's Dance Big Band 'SMNHMP' PP#32,514;

- **Use:** Strike up the band - Let's Dance Big Band hydrangea is here!\_An endless drive for improvement is what motivates the big-leaf hydrangea breeding at Proven Winners, so for them to make a new introduction, a plant has to be significantly better than what's already available. That's why Let's Dance Big Band hydrangea has been added to the line: it combines bodaciously big mophead flowers with pure, true colors (pink in neutral/basic conditions, blue in acidic conditions) on a plant that survives winter better and reblooms better. That means more flowers, from the beginning of hydrangea season until the snowflakes fly!
- **Exposure/Soil:** Partial (60-70% of the day) sun is best and afternoon shade is a must. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Keep water off leaves. **DO NOT PLANT IN FULL SUN!** in the South or you will get leaf burn in August and it will wilt on hot days. Large, full flower heads will readily go purple in acid soils; in alkaline soils, they'll be vivid pink.
- **Growth:** Fast-growing to 30" tall; equal width in only 3-4 years. Cannot be pruned at any point in the year without negatively impacting the flowering. As such, it's best to avoid pruning this hydrangea altogether. If portions of the plant were damaged from winter weather, they can be removed in spring when it is clear where the new growth is emerging.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5a-9b Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Large heart shaped leaves.
- **Flower:** Extra large flowers may be bright pink or deep purple, depending on soil chemistry from late spring to fall frosts on and off. An excellent rebloomer, with the ability to create new wood flower buds more rapidly than other macs.

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