

Wee Bit Grumpy Hydrangea



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

Hydrangea macrophylla 'Wee Bit Grumpy'

- **Use:** Don't be fooled by its curmudgeonly name: Wee Bit Grumpy hydrangea will put a smile on your face! Like its sister plant, Wee Bit Giddy hydrangea, it was selected for its combination of pure, intense, saturated flower color and outstanding landscape performance. And its color is really something you must see to believe: in acidic soils, its big, full blooms take on a moody, dramatic deep purple-blue. They appear amid a neat, tidy mound of compact foliage that resists disease and stands up better to cold weather than conventional hydrangeas.
- Oh - and about that name! We know you're wondering: "Grumpy" was the working name that the breeder had sent the plant to us with. During its evaluation period, every time we noticed its glorious blooms and asked, "What is that?!", we'd look at the label and see "Grumpy." It made us laugh, and we thought you'd get a kick out of it, too.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Partial (60-70% of the day) sun is best. 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 heavenly blue in acid soils; in alkaline soils, they'll be vivid pink or red (pH of &+)
- **Growth:** Fast-growing to 2-2.5' feet high; 3' wide in only 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. Blooms on new and old wood.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5a-9b Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Large heart shaped leaves. Foliage is disease resistant.
- **Flower: Continuous Bloom or Rebloomer** The extra-large, full blooms take on a deep, violet red shade in acidic soil with aluminum present. Pink tones in higher pH soils. This is one of the deepest purple-blues we have seen.

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