

Puffer Fish® Panicle Hydrangea



Works well in a mixed border, woodland garden, or even a large container

Hydrangea paniculata 'NCHP1' PP35316

- **Use:** Think of Puffer Fish™ as a larger, more puffed up Bobo®, with fluffy white blooms that engulf the entire plant, nearly obscuring the foliage. The flowers open and mature to a pure white. As the blooms age, they turn lime green and, for a bit of surprise, a fresh sprig of white flowers emerges from the tip of the panicle. A tight, compact habit with stems strong enough to hold its blooms. This NCSU hydrangea has all the talent needed to be a first-class landscape performer.
- **Exposure/Soil:** It thrives in morning sun afternoon shade, but also tolerates heat and humidity. Only plant in full sun if you have irrigation.
- **Growth:** Fast-growing to 3-5 feet high; equal width in only 3 –4 years.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 3a-8a Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Large, dark-green leaves are a beautiful foil for the flowers.
- **Flower:** The fluffy blooms open and mature pure white, turning lime green as they age. The blooms make long-lasting cuts for fresh and dried arrangements. After the first frost, flower clusters turn tan to caramel, and along with the shredding and peeling papery brown bark on mature plants revealing glimpses of the underlying cinnamon hue of stems and branches, they add a textural element to the winter garden, especially pleasing in a snowy landscape. The hollow stems also provide nesting habitats for native bees.

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