

Quick Fire Fab® Hydrangea



***Hydrangea paniculata* 'SMNHPM' PP32513**

- **Use:** Quick Fire Fab® panicle hydrangea shares the same super-early bloom time, rock-solid reliability, and easy-going nature of the original Quick Fire hydrangea, but adds big, full, showy mophead blooms to the mix. How fabulous is that? It's the best way to get the earliest possible panicle hydrangea flowers, expanding the seasonal display by two weeks or more every year. Unique X-shaped flowers go from white to pink to bright pink to deep red through the season. Strong, sturdy stems keep blooms clean, upright, and showy all year round.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Partial sun. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Keep water off leaves. They do not like wet areas or extremely dry ones - your soil should be rich and moist for optimal growth. Blooms on new wood.
- **Growth:** Grows 6-8 feet high; and 5-6' in width in only 2-3 years.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 3-8 Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Coarse shrub with large lobed foliage and exfoliating bark. Reddish brown fall color.
- **Flower:** If you look closely at the lush blooms, you'll see each floret has an unusual cruciform shape which gives them a textural effect you won't find in other panicle hydrangeas. As the blooms age, they turn blush pink, then bright pink, then red, from the bottom up, making each one look like a big delicious ice cream cone that goes from vanilla to berry as the summer progresses. Provides 3+ months of flowers and color in your landscape or garden, and does it all with almost no work or effort from you. Blooms on this super-hardy and easy to grow hydrangea are produced on new wood, which means that you will see flowers even after even the harshest winters. Beautiful for use as a cut (fresh or dried) flower.

Unlike other panicle hydrangeas, it also has excellent fall foliage color for a final hurrah before winter. We recommend cutting them back by about one-third their total height in early spring, just as the new growth is beginning to emerge on the stems. This will serve to remove the spent blooms and ensure that the season's growth comes from the heavier, thicker buds further down the plant.

If blooms do not age to pink and red, this indicates that the plant is either in too much shade, that it experienced drought stress, or that night time temperatures were unusually high.

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