Lime Rickey® Smooth Hydrangea

Hydrangea arborescens 'SMNHALR'

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3

Description:

A hardy, showy shrub which features large, long lasting, disc-like bloom heads that start out bright green and age to creamy jade; has exceptionally strong stems, an excellent cut flower that dries well; reliably blooms on new growth every year

Ornamental Features

Lime Rickey Smooth Hydrangea features bold light green flat-top flowers at the ends of the branches from mid summer to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The heart-shaped leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Lime Rickey Smooth Hydrangea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its strikingly bold and coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced landscape composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Lime Rickey Smooth Hydrangea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



Lime Rickey Smooth Hydrangea in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Lime Rickey Smooth Hydrangea flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Planting & Growing

Lime Rickey Smooth Hydrangea will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in partial shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.



Lime Rickey Smooth Hydrangea flowers (faded)
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder