Hayes Starburst Hydrangea

Hydrangea arborescens 'Hayes Starburst'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3

Description:

A beautiful selection with flowers that first open as white lacecaps, then the outer florets double creating a starburst effect; best if treated like a perennial and pruned to a few inches from the ground in spring, blooms on new growth

Ornamental Features

Hayes Starburst Hydrangea features bold clusters of double white flowers with creamy white overtones at the ends of the branches from early to late summer. 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

Hayes Starburst 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.

Hayes Starburst Hydrangea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



Hayes Starburst Hydrangea in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Hayes Starburst Hydrangea will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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.



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