

TECHNICAL GROWING GUIDE FOR
Hydrangea 'Big Daddy'



KEY FEATURES	
Exposure	Part shade to shade
Mature Size	5-6' H x 5-6' W
USDA Zones	Hardy in USDA zones 6-9

- » Gigantic pink or blue blooms
- » Grows well in hot, humid summers
- » Fast-growing with low to no maintenance

Hydrangea macrophylla 'Big Daddy' PP14527

HOW TO GROW FROM A LINER

MEDIA	Type	Regular ornamental soil mix
	Soil / Bark	60% new screened bark plus 40% old screened bark.
	Lime	Pulverized dolomitic, 3.5 lbs per cubic yard
	Talstar	3.5 lbs per cubic yard
	pH	5.5 - 6.0
	EC	1.0 - 1.5

FINISHING TIME	1 Gal	Plant liner in early spring, finish that fall. OR Plant liner in July/August and it will finish with a spring flush.
	2 Gal	Plant liner in spring, finish that fall and following spring.
	3 Gal	Plant liner in early spring and it will finish with following spring flush.

SHIFTING UP	1 ↗ 2 Gal	Shift 1 gallon in fall / winter. Finish next spring with flush.
	1 ↗ 3 Gal	Shift 1 gallon in fall / winter. Finish next spring with flush.

FERTILIZER	Type	Top dress with slow release fertilizer; for blue blooms: Apply slow release aluminum sulfate in Jan./Feb.
	App Rate	Medium
	Brands	Harrell's 18-5-13 or Osmocote 15-9-11 or Nutricote 18-8-8

CARE	Light	Part shade to shade
	Growth Rate	Fast
	Water	Medium
	Trimming	Prune: After bloom (Summer before Aug./Sept.)

PROPAGATION

Timing	March-May
Type	Soft tip cuttings
Hormone	None needed
Root Rate	Fast

PESTS & DISEASE	Aphids, spider mites, Botrytis, Mildew, Pythium and slugs.
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