

Lacecap Hydrangea

Hydrangea macrophylla

French hydrangea, also known as big leaf hydrangea, is the most widely grown species of hydrangea. “Lacecap” hydrangeas have flat clusters of tiny, spidery flowers surrounded by a ring of prominent flowers. French hydrangea grows as a mounded or rounded shrub composed of stout, upright stems that usually are unbranched. Gardeners have appreciation for french hydrangea because it flowers in shade, often produces blue flowers and is considered an “heirloom” plant. The lacecap flowers develop from buds formed in the tips of stems the previous year (on old wood). Soil acidity or alkalinity can affect french hydrangea flower color. French hydrangea is fully cold hardy in Florida and plants rarely die back. Consequently french hydrangea often reaches a mature size of 6 feet tall and wide, and it can grow as large as 12 feet tall and wide.

Type: perennial

USDA hardiness zones: 6 through 9

Uses: specimen; container; accent

Origin: not native to Florida

Height: 6 to 12 feet **Spread:** 6 to 12 feet

Plant spacing: 3 to 5 feet

Light requirement: plant grows in the shade

Soil tolerances: occasionally wet; slightly alkaline; clay; sand; acidic; loam;

Drought tolerance: moderate

Soil salt tolerances: poor

Invasive potential: low

Pest resistance: pests and diseases not commonly found unless hydrangea is stressed

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