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Stargazer Perennials Farm & Nursery, Summerville Oregon

INCREDIBALL™ HYDRANGEA (*Hydrangea arborescens* 'Abetwo' ppaf) Smooth Hydrangea



Quick Facts about Incrediball™ Hydrangea

Bloom Color: Opens lime green, turns pure white then fades to shades of pale green

Exposure: Part Shade / Sun

Spread: 4'

Height: 4' - 5'

USDA Hardiness Zones: 4 to 9

Growth Habit: Deciduous large mounding shrub

Bloom Time: Blooms in the summer - Fall

Uses: Groupings or masses, perennial or shrub borders, specimen, winter gardens.

Attributes: Attracts Butterflies

Breeder: Spring Meadow Nursery

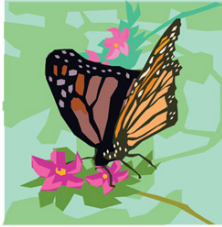
Botanical Nomenclature: *Hydrangea*: From the Greek hydro (water) and aggos (jar), referring to the shape of the fruit. *arborescens*: tree like form.

INCREDIBALL™ Hydrangea is an exciting new hardy hydrangea that produces massive 12" blooms! A vigorous growing hardy hydrangea, Incrediball™ Hydrangea delivers big flowers that emerge lime green, change to pure snowy white and then fade to green, all season long. Unlike its parent Hydrangea 'Annabelle', these immense 12" flowers are held upright atop massive, sturdy thick stems that prevent flopping even in inclement weather.

Incrediball™ Hydrangea Origins:

This hardy smooth hydrangea is the result of the talented horticulturists at Spring Meadow Nursery who have developed this plant selection from its parent, Annabelle Hydrangea. Annabelle Hydrangea is a midsummer-blooming *Hydrangea arborescens* selection that blooms on new wood each year. The flowers of Annabelle Hydrangea are large, white attractive balls yet the plant stems are not sturdy enough to support the flowers during a heavy rain. The flowers of Annabelle Hydrangea often flop to the ground and make the plant look unsightly. Gardeners have spent long frustrating hours propping up the heavy blooms of Hydrangea Annabelle with plant supports to keep them from breaking, but now Incrediball™ Hydrangea has changed all of that!

This new selection of *Hydrangea arborescens* from the Proven Winners® Color Choice® Shrub program has sturdier stems and up to 4 times more flowers than Hydrangea Annabelle. Incrediball™ hydrangea is as easy to grow and as hardy (USDA zone 4) as Annabelle, but it features four times as many flowers and these massive white 12" blooms are proudly held up by stout stems that promise not to flop even in a heavy rain!



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Incrediball™ Hydrangea Garden Uses and Care:

Incrediball Hydrangea is wonderful for mass plantings, for a hedge, in garden or perennial borders or when incorporated into a woodland setting. This showy smooth hydrangea is generally trouble-free from pests or diseases, making it a joy to add to any garden.

Incrediball™ Hydrangea blooms on new wood, so even if killed to the ground by extreme weather it will still produce summer flowers the next season. For a season filled with blooms, plant Incrediball™ Hydrangea with Quick Fire® Hydrangea, another great plant from Proven Winners® Color Choice® Shrubs! Quick Fire® Hydrangea is the first hardy hydrangea to bloom every year and compliments Incrediball™ Hydrangea's blooms and bright dark green foliage.

Incrediball™ Hydrangea is very adaptable, but proliferates in rich, well drained, moist soil. This smooth hydrangea blooms on new wood and will tolerate being cut back hard or even to the ground. If you plant this hardy hydrangea in full sun, sufficient moisture is required. During hot, dry summers additional watering will be required to keep Incrediball™ Hydrangea flowering. If planting in the South, Incrediball™ Hydrangea should be planted in afternoon shade and moist well-drained soil for best results.

The blooms are extremely attractive both in the landscape and as a cut flower. Incrediball™ *Hydrangea* is a good choice for both fresh and dried flower arrangements.

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