



Tree Form Limelight Hydrangea
Hydrangea paniculata 'Limelight (tree form)'

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: 

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Description:

This shrub, pruned into a tree form, features enormous, dense upright panicles of flower heads that start out a soft lime green, fading over the summer to white and finally brown in fall. Regular pruning recommended to maintain tree form.

Ornamental Features

Tree Form Limelight Hydrangea features bold conical lime green flowers with white overtones at the ends of the branches from mid summer to late fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves do not develop any appreciable fall colour.

Landscape Attributes

Tree Form Limelight Hydrangea is a deciduous dwarf tree, selected and trained to grow in a small tree-like form with the primary plant grafted high atop a standard. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a high maintenance dwarf tree that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Tree Form Limelight Hydrangea is ideal for use as a garden accent or patio feature, and is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Tree Form Limelight Hydrangea in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Tree Form Limelight Hydrangea will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This dwarf tree performs well in both full sun and full shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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 selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Tree Form Limelight Hydrangea makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.