



Endless Summer Hydrangea

(Bloomstruck & Summer Crush)

Tips for Success in Zones 4 and 5

- **Location:** Plant in morning sun, afternoon shade.
- **Water:** Keep soil evenly moist.
- **Fertilizer:** Do not over-fertilize as this will stimulate lots of green growth and can discourage blossoming. Use phosphorous rich fertilizer once in late spring or early summer. Avoid fertilizing during the first season.
- **Winter protection:** Mound an organic mulch such as leaves, peat moss, bark mulch, or straw to a depth of at least 18” over the crown and basal buds. Secure the mulch against wind with netting or pine boughs. Timing is crucial; late enough to ensure the plant is fully dormant but before the coldest temperatures hit. For most of us, this will be some time in November.
- **Pruning:** Leave the flower heads on over the winter. It's best not to prune Endless Summer at all at the end of the season, as this may allow the winter chill to penetrate deep into the stems. Prune dead blossoms off in spring once active growth has resumed.
- *** *Endless Summer hydrangeas bloom on last year's growth (“old wood”) as well as the current season's growth (“new wood”)* ***