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# Invincibelle Garnetta® Smooth Hydrangea

Hydrangea arborescens 'NCHA6'

Height: 30 inches Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: O 0

Hardiness Zone: 3

Group/Class: Invincibelle Series

# **Description:**

This selection features lusciously full, pink mophead flowers in mid summer, on supportive, sturdy stems; re-blooming; best if treated like a perennial and pruned to a few inches from the ground in spring, blooms on new growth; a fantastic accent plant

#### **Ornamental Features**

Invincibelle Garnetta Smooth Hydrangea features bold clusters of ruby-red flowers with shell pink overtones at the ends of the branches from mid summer to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The heart-shaped leaves do not develop any appreciable fall colour.

## **Landscape Attributes**

Invincibelle Garnetta Smooth Hydrangea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its strikingly bold and coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced landscape composition.



Invincibelle Garnetta Smooth Hydrangea flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Invincibelle Garnetta Smooth Hydrangea in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Invincibelle Garnetta Smooth Hydrangea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

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## **Planting & Growing**

Invincibelle Garnetta Smooth Hydrangea will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. However, you may want to keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. 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 selection of a native North American species.

Invincibelle Garnetta Smooth Hydrangea makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. 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.