



## **Invincibelle Limetta® Hydrangea**

*Hydrangea arborescens* 'NCHA8'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3

Group/Class: Invincibelle Series

### **Description:**

This dwarf, rounded selection features enormous lime green flower heads in mid summer, held upright on strong stems and lasting for a very long time; prune to a few inches from the ground in spring; blooms on new growth; great as an accent or border plant

### **Ornamental Features**

Invincibelle Limetta Hydrangea features bold balls of lime green flowers at the ends of the branches from early 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 color.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Invincibelle Limetta 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.

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 Limetta Hydrangea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Invincibelle Limetta Hydrangea in bloom*  
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*Invincibelle Limetta Hydrangea flowers*  
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## Planting & Growing

Invincibelle Limetta Hydrangea will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. 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 Limetta Hydrangea makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants 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.