## LET'S DANCE® BIG EASY®

Hydrangea macrophylla 'Berner' pp#22,329, cbr#4526

Common name: reblooming hydrangea



| Landscape Info: |               |  |
|-----------------|---------------|--|
| USDA/AHS zones: | USDA 5/AHS 9  |  |
| Mature height:  | 2-3′/.69 m    |  |
| Exposure:       | Part-full sun |  |
| Irrigation:     | Moderate      |  |

## **Features & Benefits:**

- Reblooming big-leaf hydrangea blooms reliably even in colder parts of its hardiness range.
- Mophead flowers are exceptionally large; each floret has a cream center and flowers age to attractive green. Takes on blue-purple tones in appropriate soil conditions.
- Well suited to many landscape applications.
- Makes an excellent cut flower.



| Cultural info:      |                           |                                  |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| pH Level:           | 5.6 - 6.2                 |                                  |
| Nutrient Needs:     | Average-high              |                                  |
| EC (2:1 extract):   | 0.6 – 0.9                 |                                  |
| Light Level:        | Moderate                  |                                  |
| Watering:           | Average                   |                                  |
| Rooting Out Temp:   | 65 – 72° F/18.3 – 22.2° C |                                  |
| Overwintering Temp: | 40 - 50° F/4.4 – 10° C    |                                  |
| Sales Window:       | Spring-fall               |                                  |
| Blooms On:          | Old and new wood          |                                  |
| Trimming/pruning:   | Trim 1-3 times            |                                  |
| Vernalization:      | Required                  |                                  |
| Vigor Rating:       | Fast                      |                                  |
| Finish Size         | Liner Size                | Weeks of Active Growth to Finish |
| 1 gallon            | 4" • QT                   | 8-10 • 6-8                       |
| 2 - 3 gallon        | 4" • QT                   | 14-18 • 12-16                    |

## **Grower Tips:**

- Very fast to produce and easy to ship in bud and bloom.
- Initial bloom will be on previous year's growth; rebloom occurs on new wood approximately 10-12 weeks later.
- Trim lightly to shape as many times as possible until late July;
  Pruning or trimming after this will interfere with bud set for the following season. Dormant or spring pruning will also remove flower buds, though rebloom will still occur later.
- All big-leaf hydrangeas bloom pink-red in growing media unless treated with aluminum sulfate. If you wish to sell big-leaf hydrangeas with blue flowers, please see our info sheet for a detailed look at the process.
- May be susceptible to powdery mildew and leaf spot; grow with good air circulation and practice good sanitation to reduce disease.

NOTES: