

Hydrangea arborescens

'Annabelle' Hydrangea

Zone: 3-9

Height: 4'

Width: 4'

Crown: Round

Growth Rate: Fast

Soil: Loam, sand, clay

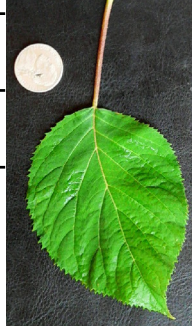
pH: Acidic

Drainage: Well drained

Drought: Low tolerance

Breakage: Some susceptibility

Light: Morning sun, afternoon shade



Hydrangea 'Annabelle' is loved for its large (up to 10") flower heads and its hardiness.

This Hydrangea will grow where others freeze out. 'Annabelle' puts on a great show whether in the North or the South, from June through July and maybe longer.

There are problems with 'Annabelle' in the trade. Some flat headed type of H. Arborescens have been mixed in with 'Annabelle', which has a domed head. They are difficult to tell apart unless they are in bloom. Make sure your supplier has the right plant.

Another problem: 'Annabelle's' blooms are so large that the stems will often lean over to the ground after a rain. They will have to be supported in some manner. Of course growers can always cut off the flower in favor of vegetative growth. This plant should be pruned back heavily each winter. Robinson Nursery offers 'Annabelle' in several sizes of bare root shrubs.