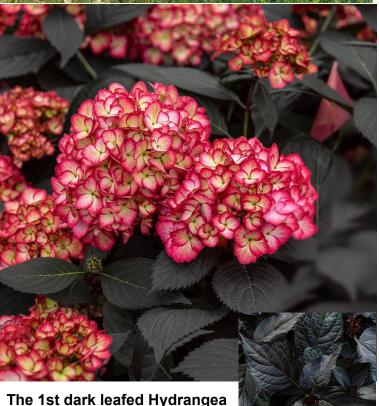
Eclipse® Bigleaf Hydrangea





on the market!

Hydrangea macrophylla 'Bailmacseven' PP34544

- <u>Use</u>: Eclipse® is the first true dark leaf Hydrangea macrophylla! The dark foliage holds its color throughout the season, and pairs nicely with its dark purple or cranberry blossoms. This plant stands out well in a landscape or container.
- Exposure/Soil: Morning sun and afternoon shade is best. DO NOT PLANT IN FULL SUN! (In full sun they wilt constantly in our hot summer heat and leaf burn) Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Keep water off leaves. Depending on soil pH, you can have vivid rose-pink or purple hydrangea flower heads.
- **Growth**: Fast-growing to 3-5 feet high; 3-5' width in only 4 years.
- <u>Hardiness</u>: Zone 5-9 Shrub
- Foliage: Deciduous. The dark leaves on Eclipse® are as impressive in the garden as they are in the plant world. Eclipse® is the first mophead hydrangea to have dark leaves that will come back just as dark next season. The disease resistance is fantastic, especially with the big hydrangea concerns: powdery mildew and Cercospora leaf spot.
- Flower: Spectacular cranberry or amethyst-colored blooms that provide fantastic contrast to the dark leaves. Like other Hydrangea macrophylla, the color of the flowers depends on the soil pH. But in general, Eclipse® hydrangeas grown in alkaline soils will have cranberry flowers, while those grown in acidic soils will have amethyst flowers. Eclipse® is also a reblooming hydrangea, so you can enjoy a garden full of hydrangea blooms throughout the season. Eclipse produces many buds in fall. To increase flower count for spring blooms, avoid cutting back after mid-June. Summer cutback will force vegetative growth instead of flower buds. Avoid late season pruning.