

## **Hydrangea macrophylla ‘Bloomstruck’**

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This hydrangea explodes with colorful blooms held on sturdy, reddish purple stems. Blossoms mature to shades of purple or rosy red (depending on soil acidity) extending the display into fall, followed by rich, burgundy-red foliage. Flowering occurs on both old wood and new growth on this variety, assuring flowers even after a severe winter.



**Plant Care and Watering:** The plant requires afternoon shade. Moist soils that do not dry out are best; do not plant in hot, dry, exposed sites. Mulch to conserve moisture and buffer soil temperatures. Fertilize once in spring with a fertilizer designed to encourage blooms (such as 15-30-15). By the end of August cut back stems by about half if plants are growing too tall. Remove some of the oldest stems at ground level to thin out the shrub as needed. In spring, only prune out dead wood once the new growth has emerged.

#### **References:**

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