## Cityline® Venice Dwarf Hydrangea

***Hydrangea macrophylla 'Venice Raven'***

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: French Hydrangea, Bigleaf Hydrangea

Group/Class: Cityline Series



*Cityline Venice Dwarf Hydrangea flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Description:**

This selection was bred for sturdy stems that hold heavy flower heads, has more flowering stems than other hydrangeas; one of the showiest and most desired summer-blooming garden plants with large, hot pink lacecap flowers that get more blue in acid soil

**Ornamental Features**

Cityline Venice Dwarf Hydrangea features bold fuchsia lacecap flowers with blue overtones at the ends of the branches from mid summer to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The glossy pointy leaves do not develop any appreciable fall colour.

**Landscape Attributes**

Cityline Venice Dwarf Hydrangea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.



*Cityline Venice Dwarf Hydrangea in bloom*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Cityline Venice Dwarf Hydrangea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



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**Planting & Growing**

Cityline Venice Dwarf Hydrangea will grow to be about 30 inches 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 requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Cityline Venice Dwarf Hydrangea makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. 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, this plant may be too tender to survive the winter if left outdoors in a container. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.