

Gardening Corner

Hearty Hydrangeas Bloom On New Growth

(NAPSA)—There are 90 million gardeners in the U.S., according to the National Gardening Association. Now a new type of hydrangea could help interest in the hobby continue to take root.

The plant blooms on new growth—a unique trait for pure white hydrangeas, and one that lets gardeners see consistent blooming each year, no matter how cool it is in the off season. Additionally, gardeners in warm climates can enjoy repeat blooming from these plants by lightly pruning them.

Just as important though, the new hydrangea can be a true showstopper. With dark-green foliage and bright-white flowers, the compact plant is just over 2 feet tall and about as wide. Called the White Out from Hydrangea Forever & Ever, it can help brighten up a slightly shady spot in a yard, and gardeners say its compact habit and sturdy stems give it a leg up on the ageless Hydrangea Annabelle. That plant has been a reliable bloomer in the Northern areas but tends to disappoint as it flowers over once in full bloom.

Healthier Plants

The new plant is also resistant to common hydrangea diseases, such as powdery mildew. Its leathery, dark-green foliage seems to repel most attacks, leaving the



Flower Power—A new hydrangea blooms on new growth and resists common diseases.

plant healthier and better looking and saving gardeners time and effort otherwise spent spraying. It also helps reduce the amount of pesticide required, which helps protect the environment.

All the varieties in the Forever & Ever series share these same attributes. The series includes seven varieties that bloom on new wood and exhibit superior disease tolerance. From a traditional pink or blue mophead to double flowers and even unique peppermint-striped flowers, the lineup will likely produce enjoyment for gardeners—and with minimal care.

For more information, visit www.foreverhydrangea.com.