

How to Care for a PYRAMIDAL BOXWOOD Shrub Buxus x 'Green Mountain

SELECT SITE:

Light Requirements: Full Sun (6+ hrs/day) in cooler climates or Part Sun (4-6 hrs/day) in warmest regions where it will appreciate some afternoon shade.

This shrub will grow larger; Space 36 in. away from other plants or structures.

Site in an sheltered area, away from strong winds and harsh winter sun. Dry winter winds can cause moisture loss resulting in dehydration and bronze leaves.

Tolerates a wide range of soils, prefers evenly moist loam (mix of sand/clay is best).

Versatile Plant for:

Specimen for rock garden. Mass or group in shrub border. Low hedge along path.

Near the home foundation.

Ideal USDA Plant Hardiness Zones: 4,5,6,7,8

PLANT PREP:

Open box upon arrival, remove packing materials to let the plant "breathe". Remove plastic bag, tape, and newspaper. Water well. There are drainage holes in the bottom of the pot so do this outside where the extra water will drain away.

HOLE PREP:

Dig saucer shaped hole. The depth is determined by measuring the height of the roots from root flare to bottom. The width is 2-3 times the root ball diameter. Using these calculations, the ideal hole for the new bush will be approximately 10" tall by 24" wide.

PLANTING:

Put garden soil in a wheelbarrow or on a tarp. Mix the garden soil with equal amounts of mulch, peat moss, and potting soil. Place plant in hole and adjust for aesthetics. Hold in place while adding more soil, until the hole is completely filled. Push soil down until firm. Do not plant the shrub deeper than it has already been growing. Water well immediately after planting. Mulch evenly to a depth of 2-3 inches being sure to stay at least 4" away from its trunk.

FUTURE MAINTENANCE:

If desired, fertilize in spring when new growth begins. Apply 2 tbsp. of an all-purpose slow release fertilizer upon the ground in a band around the plant at least 6" away from its stem.

A gentle light shearing to remove any dead/damaged branches and to thin plant to promote air circulation should be each spring/early summer, after all danger of frost has passed.