

English Boxwood

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C.W. Reeson Nursery is located 21 miles east of Hopewell and 1/4 mile west of the intersection of Route 40 and Route 10 in Spring Grove (Surry County), Virginia.

The History of English Boxwood

The boxwood has been called nature's oldest garden ornamental. English boxwood were brought to the Virginia colony by ships during the 18th Century, and decorated the homes of Colonial Williamsburg.



C.W. Reeson Nurseries provided boxwood for re-creation of the Governor's Palace gardens in Colonial Williamsburg.

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C.W. REESON NURSERY - English Boxwood Care & Planting

Site Selection

Choose an area that is well-drained and contains sufficient organic matter. Soil should contain both sandy and organic material to provide proper food and root development. Avoid sites that are exposed to cold winter wind or early morning winter sun. Boxwood flourish in partial shade but will grow in full sun.

Planting Instructions

Plant the specimen so that the top of the root ball is 3 to 6 inches above the existing ground level. Planting too deep may rob the roots of much-needed air. Dig the hole wider than the existing root ball, but not deeper, since a solid bottom prevents the plant from sinking. Fill the hole and cover roots with sandy topsoil and organic matter. Saturate the soil with water, add organic food, and mulch heavily with pine needles. It is extremely important to install plants in a very well-drained area.

Water/Mulch/Cultivation

Do not allow the soil around the roots to dry out. Water deeply with a very slow-running hose as necessary (shallow watering does no good). Plants will die just as quickly from over-watering as they will from drought conditions.

Mulching is beneficial, because it adds organic matter and conserves moisture. Since English Boxwood are very shallow-rooted, their roots are easily damaged. Avoid digging around the plants and causing injury to the trunk with lawn mowers and trimmers. Use mulch to control grass and eliminate the need for digging around the plants. (NEVER use sawdust for mulch.)

Maintenance

Assure and maintain a proper pH of 6.5 to 7.5. Test soil yearly to determine fertility. Indication of lack of nutrients includes poor color and little/no new growth in the spring. In late fall, if fertilization is needed, apply the indicated amount around the base and drip line of the plant. Do not allow fertilizer to contact roots or foliage. Maintain proper soil moisture to 1 inch per week, depending on soil type. Only use insecticides as needed. In late fall, spray with anti-desiccant (Vapor Guard or Wilt Proof) to prevent winter damage.



Thinning/Cleaning

English Boxwood grow only two inches a year and need to be hand pruned to attain a rounded profile. Do not prune with shears. Never use any type of mechanical device to prune boxwood. Thin by breaking out stems from the body of the plant, once in the fall and before new growth occurs in the spring. Once a year, clear the interior of all debris to increase air circulation. Use a strong spray from your garden hose to provide a good cleaning.



English Boxwood vs. American Boxwood How to tell the difference

- American Boxwood (*Buxus sempervirens* 'Arborescens') grow faster, are much less dense and often can be seen through. This feature gives the plants a "leggy" look. The leaves of the American Boxwood are very pointed and openly spaced on the branches.
- English Boxwood (*Buxus sempervirens* 'Suffruticosa') grow much slower, and are tighter and more compact. This quality gives the outside surface an even look. The leaves are rounded or oval, and many times have a small notch in the tip.

Price List

13 - 14 Inch	\$25.00
15 - 16 Inch	\$35.00
17 - 18 Inch	\$45.00
19 - 20 Inch	\$60.00
21 - 22 Inch	\$75.00
23 - 24 Inch	\$100.00
25 - 26 Inch	\$150.00
27 - 28 Inch	\$200.00
29 - 30 Inch	\$250.00
31 - 32 Inch	\$300.00
33 - 34 Inch	\$350.00
35 - 36 Inch	\$400.00
37 - 38 Inch	\$450.00

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