

Japanese Boxwood



- **Category:** Shrubs
- **Type:** Broadleaf Evergreen
- **Exposure:** Part Sun / Part Shade
- **Foliage:** Green
- **Form:** Round
- **Maximum Growth:** Approx. 3'h x 3'w
- **Zones:** 6 to 10
- **Drought Tolerance:** Moderate
- **Scientific Name:** *Buxus microphylla* var. *japanica*
- **Usage:** Ornamental, Foreground, Border



Introduction

Japanese Boxwood is a fine-textured evergreen that tolerates shearing exceptionally well and is commonly used as a border or hedge. The plant reaches a height and spread of three to four feet. It is best grown where the root zone can be mulched and left undisturbed. This evergreen requires a well-drained soil and prefers shading in winter if grown on exposed sites. Tends to be deer resistant.

Use and Management

Planted on two-foot centers, a hedge of Boxwood can be maintained at any height. It is particularly suited to small borders or hedges (6 to 24 inches tall) and works well as an edging along paths. Plant it as a facer plant to fill in spaces in a shrub border or along a deck or patio to soften the edge or help provide the feeling of enclosure.

Additional Characteristics

- Moderate maintenance
- No significant flowers
- No significant fall color
- Fine texture
- Slow growth
- Slightly alkaline; clay; sand; acidic; loam soils

Planting

- Typically planted in 1 gal, 3 gal or 5 gal containers.

