Buxus is the most popular evergreen shrub used for hedging. There are several varieties of Buxus to suit your planting requirements. Perfect for formal evergreen hedging, borders, topiary, screening and general garden planting. Excellent for pots and containers. Most Buxus varieties are tolerant of a wide range of soil types and conditions.

USES:
Hedging, Edging, Container Plants and Topiary.

PLANTING TIPS:
For hedging, plant Buxus approx 15-30cm apart, except for the dwarf forms which should be planted approx 15cm apart. Use premium potting mix when planting in containers.

SOIL TYPE:
Buxus tolerate a range of soils, but the soil must be free draining. If hedging, soil must be well dug and heavily enriched with organic matter to ensure the plants thrive. Buxus like a pH of 6.5 to 7.5 PH. Dislike acidic soil.

ASPECT:
Best in full sun, but will grow in partial shade.

PRUNING:
Pruning & shaping may need to be done several times during growing season (spring/summer).

WATER:
Water regularly after planting until established. Be careful not to overwater, as Buxus do not like too much water, or soggy soil.

FEEDING:
Feed in Autumn/Spring with a complete fertiliser. Use a Dolomite Lime to neutralise the soil, as Buxus do not like acidic soils. We recommend Richgro's Dolomite Lime.

PESTS & PROBLEMS:
Bronze or Yellowing Leaves - usually due to lime deficiency within the soil. Will require Dolomite Lime.
Scale - Treat with White Oil.

**English Box or Common Box - Buxus sempervirens**
A traditional, small to medium formal hedging plant. The most popular of the Buxus varieties. Slower growing than others, but requires less maintenance. Perfect for formal evergreen hedging, borders, topiary, screening and general garden planting. Excellent for pots and containers. Shade and Frost tolerant but prefers a sunny, open position in moist, well drained soil. Grows approx 30-40cm in 3 years.

**Height:** 0.3m – 2.0m  **Width:** 0.3m – 2.0m

**Variegated English Box - Buxus sempervirens ‘Variegata’**
An attractive, slow growing, long-living Buxus with green and cream variegated leaves. Dense and compact form - excellent hedge or patio plant. Tolerant of most soil types and conditions, but prefers a sunny open position with adequate water in warmer months.

**Height:** 0.3m – 1.0m  **Width:** 0.3m – 1.0m

**Dutch Box or Dwarf Edging Box - Buxus sempervirens ‘Suffruticosa’**
A widely used, slow growing, evergreen dwarf Buxus which naturally forms a very compact, dense round shape. Leaves tend to be lighter in colour and rounder in shape than the more common English Box. Best suited to tight miniature hedges, edging, patio plants or topiaries. Shade tolerant, but best in fertile free draining soils and full sun. For hedging plant 4-6 plants per metre.

**Height:** 0.3m – 0.75m  **Width:** 0.3m – 0.75m

**Japanese Box - Buxus microphylla var. japonica**
A faster growing variety of the evergreen shrub. A very hardy dense, bushy, round Buxus, ideal in warmer climates, as it tolerates heat better than other varieties. Bright green glossy leaves. Needs more trimming to keep compact. Requires little water once established. Thrives in a wide range of soils and conditions but prefers a sunny, open position in moist, well drained soil.

**Height:** 0.5m – 2.0m  **Width:** 0.5m – 1.0m

**Korean Box - Buxus microphylla var. microphylla**
Korean Box tends to grow lower and wider, making it an ideal informal hedging plant. Glossy, soft, green leaves are smaller than most Buxus varieties, and tend to be narrower in shape. It has a tendency to go yellow in full sun, so best grown in partial shade. Use to define pathways or courtyard gardens. Ideal for creating a low, informal or formal clipped hedge or plant under trees as a ground-cover. Great in pots. Grows approx 30cm in 3 years.

**Height:** 0.2m – 0.6m  **Width:** 0.4m