PLANT FINDER

NewGen Independence® Boxwood

Buxus 'SB 108'



NewGen Independence Boxwood
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

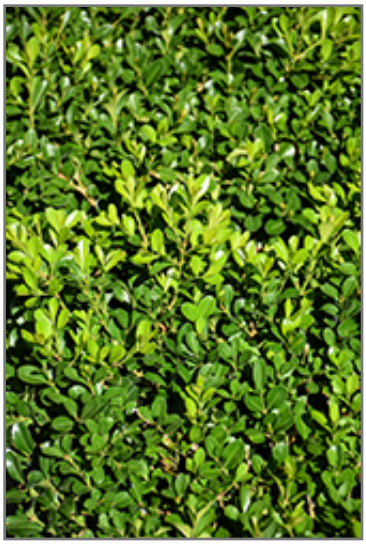
Hardiness Zone: 5b

Description:

A compact, hybrid broadleaf evergreen with strong branches that withstand snow loads; makes a great accent or low hedge; responds well to pruning; heat, humidity, and drought tolerant; deer and leaf miner resistant

Ornamental Features

NewGen Independence Boxwood is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The small glossy round leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.



NewGen Independence Boxwood foliage
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Landscape Attributes

NewGen Independence Boxwood is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

NewGen Independence Boxwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Topiary
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

NewGen Independence Boxwood will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

NewGen Independence Boxwood makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.