

TECHNICAL GROWING GUIDE FOR

Buxus Better Boxwood®

KEY FEATURES

Exposure	Full sun to part shade
USDA Zones	Hardy in USDA zones 5–9

- » Disease resistant foundation plants
- » Four unique varieties; growth habits for any landscape

Buxus hybrid **Babylon Beauty** 'HER2010B04' PP32273,
Heritage 'HER2010B02' PP32309, **Renaissance**
 'HER2009B01' PP32274, **Skylight** 'HER2009B03' PP32275



Babylon Beauty™
3' H x 4–5' W

Heritage™
3–4' H x 2–3' W

Renaissance™
1–2' H x 1–2' W

Skylight™
maintainable at
3–8' H x 3–4' W

HOW TO GROW

MEDIA	Type	Regular ornamental soil mix
	Soil / Bark	70% new screened bark plus 30% old screened bark Goal: Well-drained
		80/20 mix of pulverized dolomitic with course grade lime (like Barn Grip); example: 6 lbs per cubic yard pulverized and 2 lbs course
	Lime	
	pH	5.5–6.5
EC	.85–1.5	

FINISHING TIME	1 Gal	12 months (starting from a liner)
	2 Gal	14–18 months (shifting from 1 gallon)
	3 Gal	14–18 months (shifting from 1 gallon)

PRUNING	» Two setup prunes shortly after planting encourages the branching structure near the base of the plant, creating the foundation needed for a uniform finished plant.
	» Several small tip prunes in the course of a planting season will improve finish times.

FERTILIZER	Type	Top dress with slow-release fertilizer
	App Rate	High rate; evaluate EC in fall and apply half rate fertilizer
	Brands	Harrell's 18–5–13 or Osmocote 15–9–11 or Nutricote 18–8–8

ENVIRONMENT	Light	Full sun
	Growth Rate	Medium/Fast
	Water	Low
	Winter Protection	Provide freeze cloth protection.

PROPAGATION

Timing	June or fall
Type	Semi-hardwood cuttings
Hormone	IBA 3250 plus NAA 1500
Root Rate	Medium

PESTS & DISEASE	Resistance to pests and disease (including boxwood blight) is expected, however, please adhere to best management practices protocol for your area.
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Special Note: Do not plant too deeply.



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