

# Ritchie

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### Green Mountain Boxwood (spiral form)

*Buxus 'Green Mountain (spiral)'*

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 14 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5a

#### Description:

A compact, hybrid, broadleaf evergreen that is clipped and maintained in an elegant spiral form; makes a great accent or garden detail plant, very popular and one of the hardier varieties

#### Ornamental Features

Green Mountain Boxwood (spiral form) is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its rigidly columnar form. It has rich green evergreen foliage. The small round leaves remain green throughout the winter.

#### Landscape Attributes

Green Mountain Boxwood (spiral form) is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. 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. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Green Mountain Boxwood (spiral form) is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Topiary
- Container Planting



*Green Mountain Boxwood (spiral form)*

*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

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### **Planting & Growing**

Green Mountain Boxwood (spiral form) will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 inches. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. 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. 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.

Green Mountain Boxwood (spiral form) makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use 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. 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. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

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