

How to Care for a **BLUE POINT JUNIPER Shrub** **Juniperus chinensis ‘Blue Point**

SELECT SITE:

Light Requirements: Full Sun for best foliage color = 6+ hours per day

This shrub will grow larger to about 10 ft. tall by 4-5 ft. wide; Space 48 in. away from other plants or structures. For a hedge, space 48 in. apart.

Tolerates a wide range of well drained soils, prefers slightly acidic, well drained soil.

Versatile Plant for:

Specimen for rock garden. Mass or group in shrub border. Near the home foundation. Accents. Privacy & Property Hedges.

Ideal USDA Plant Hardiness Zones: 4,5,6,7,8,9

PLANT PREP:

Open box upon arrival, remove packing materials to let the plant “breathe”. Remove plastic bag, tape, and newspaper. Water well. There are drainage holes in the bottom of the pot so do this outside where the extra water will drain away.

HOLE PREP:

Dig saucer shaped hole. The depth is determined by measuring the height of the roots from root flare to bottom. The width is 2-3 times the root ball diameter. Using these calculations, the ideal hole for the new bush will be approximately 10” tall by 24-30” wide.

PLANTING:

Place plant in hole and adjust for aesthetics. Hold in place while adding more soil, until the hole is completely filled. Push soil down until firm. Do not plant the shrub deeper than it has already been growing. Water well immediately after planting. Mulch evenly to a depth of 2-3 inches being sure to stay at least 4” away from its trunk.

FUTURE MAINTENANCE:

If desired, fertilize in spring. Apply 2 tbsp. of an all-purpose slow release fertilizer upon the ground in a band around the plant at least 6” away from its stem.

No pruning to maintain natural broad pyramidal shape. Trim dead or diseased branches when necessary.