

How to Care for a BURNING BUSH Shrub Euonymus alatus 'Compacta

SELECT SITE:

Light Requirements: Full Sun (6+ hrs/day), Part Sun (4-6 hrs/day), or Part Shade (4-6 hrs/day); avoid fully shaded areas.

This plant will grow larger; Space 108 in. away from other plants or structures.

Grows in average, consistently moist yet well-drained, garden soil; avoid poorly draining, wet soils.

Versatile Plant for: Accent, Specimen, Shrub Border, Foundation, Rock Garden

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

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 12" tall by 18" wide for a 3-gallon pot.

PLANTING:

Put garden soil in a wheelbarrow or on a tarp. Mix the garden soil with equal amounts of mulch, peat moss, and potting soil. 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, sprinkle 1-2 tsp. of a general, all purpose fertilize in spring around the base of the plant.

No pruning needed; trim to desired size in early spring before new growth emerges.