

BUXUS (Boxwood) ALTERNATIVES

Boxwood blight, recently found in the U.S, is a serious disease affecting all boxwood with uncertain long term implications. We urge the landscape professional to use aggressive measures to control this disease. Although there is no true substitute for the boxwood, here are some suggested alternatives:

SPECIES	CULTIVAR	SIZE	DESCRIPTION
Abelia grandiflora	Rose Creek	3' x 4'	deep green leaves purple in fall, white blooms May-Sept., red stems
Cephalotaxus harr.	Fastigiata	6'	upright, very slow growing
Chamaecyparis obt.	Nana	2'	deep green cushioned mound, dwarf, dense & slow growing
Euonymus japonicus		8'	dense, oval upright, deep green leaves, tolerates salt spray
	Green Spire		rigid upright, tiny deep green leaves
	Micophyllus	2' x 1'	upright bushy, prunes well, salt/heat tolerant
E. kiautschovicus	Manhattan		dense upright, large glossy dark green leaves
Ilex crenata	Compacta	4-5'	dense rounded compact
	Drops of Gold	2' x 3'-4'	Very slow growing, tiny dark leaves on irregular branches
	Dwarf Pagoda	2' x	dense rounded, small and finer texture than convexa
	Green Luster	3'-4' x 6'	compact, dense, flat topped
	Helleri		dense mushroom shape
	Hoogendorn	2' x 6'	male, very slow growing, dense broad
	Sky Pencil		very narrow and upright, small leaves
	Soft Touch	2.5' x 3'	dense, medium green color w/ silver rib leaves, flexible branches
	Steed's	4' x 4'	upright pyramidal, lustrous, flat deep green leaves
		Chesapeake	6-8' x 4-5'
	Nigra	5-6' x 6-8'	dense rounded habit
	Schwoebel Upright	6-8' x 4-5'	upright compact pyramidal habit
I. glabra	Shamrock	3-4' x 4-6'	very compact, well-branched, light green new growth
	Gem Box	2-3'	compact rounded dense habit
Kalmia latifolia			slow, rounded
Lonicera nitida	Baggesens Gold		mounded layered, bright yellow new growth to yellow-green
	Lemon Beauty	3' x 3'	mounded, can be sheared, dark green w/yellow edge
	Thunderbolt	5' x 5'	bushy mounded habit
L. pileata	Hohenkrumer		low broad spreading, dark green
	Moss Green	2' x 5-8'	low/groundcover, dark glossy leaves, pale yellow blooms
Picea abies	Little Gem	1' x 3'	flat congested buns of tiny deep green needles
Pieris japonica v.yak.	Cavatine	2' x 3'	dense mounded, white blooms (later), red new growth
	Sarabande	3' x 4'	vigorous, white blooms (later)
P. taiwanensis	Prelude	2.5'	upright mounded, pink buds open white, new growth pink
Skimmia japonica			Low mounded, female: red berries, 1 male every six plants
Teucrium chamaedrys		1' x 1'-2"	neat compact, pink blooms July/Aug, great edging
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Thujopsis dolobrata	Nana	3' x 6'	compact, low flattened mounds

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