

Ligustrum Recurvifolium

Planting

Dig the planting hole to the same depth as the root ball or nursery container of the shrub. Make the hole twice as wide as the root ball. Space planting holes 2 feet apart for low-growing hedge plantings or 4 feet apart for tall hedges. Lift the ligustrum from the nursery pot. Set it in the planting hole so the top of the root ball is level with the soil surface. Plant the ligustrum at the same depth it was growing at in its pot. Fill the hole around the roots half-full with soil. Water the soil until it's thoroughly moistened. Finish filling the hole and water a second time.

Watering

Water the Ligustrum every five to eight days during the first summer after planting, providing enough water to moisten the soil to the depth of the root ball. Established Ligustrums, beginning in the second year after planting, tolerate periods of drought and don't require frequent watering.

When To Prune Ligustrum

Light pruning of Ligustrum to remove a stray or damaged branch can be performed any time of the year. Shearing of Ligustrum can be performed any time of year, however, to avoid damaging new growth that emerges after pruning, I recommend ceasing pruning two months prior to the average first frost date in your area. Heavy pruning to reduce the size or to tree form your Ligustrum should be performed in late winter, while the plant is dormant.