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## How to Care for a Variegated Howard's Privet *Ligustrum japonicum* 'Howardii'

### **SELECT SITE** for Optimal Soil, Water, Light, and Humidity Levels

Light Requirements: Prefers Bright Light (at least 6 hrs/day)

This plant will grow much larger, possibly to 5-6 ft tall and wide. Space 3 ft. away from other plants or structures.

Thrives in most well draining soils.

Growing outdoors year round is only ideal in USDA Plant Hardiness Zones: 7,8,9,10,11 :: protect from frost.

**PLANT PREP:** Open box upon arrival, remove packing materials to let the plant "breathe". Remove 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 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.

**For container planting:** Be sure to choose a pot with drainage holes to prevent waterlogging the soil. The plant prefers a well draining soil mix. Water frequently to keep the soil constantly slightly moist.

### **FUTURE MAINTENANCE:**

Prune to desired height, remove dead or damaged branches as needed any time of year.

Fertilize once in spring and again in fall with a good granular all purpose fertilizer..

Not typically bothered by pests or diseases.

Non edible berries are toxic to humans and pets.