

How to Care for a
YEW PLUM PINE PODOCARPUS Shrub
Podocarpus macrophyllus

SELECT SITE:

Light Requirements: Full Sun (6+ hrs/day) to Part Shade (4-6 hrs/day)

If left untrimmed, this shrub will grow larger to 15-30 ft. tall & 10-20 ft. wide; Space 60 in. away from other plants or structures; space 48 in. on center for Hedge.

Grows best in organically rich, slightly acidic, well drained soil.

Versatile Plant for:

To grow in northern regions as a container plant. As a Hedge or Privacy Screen.

Near the home foundation.

Ideal USDA Plant Hardiness Zones: 7,8,9 In other areas, grow in a container.

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. To plant in a container, select a pretty pot that is at least 15" in diameter.

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:

Water well regularly, in the form of 1" of rainfall or irrigation per week (equivalent to a 5-gallon bucket full), often more frequently in extremely warm areas or if in a pot.

In northern climates where the plant is in a pot (recommended in USDA Plant Zones 1-6), bring inside to a sunny, frost free area.

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.

Light shearing any time; can be pruned hard in late winter to early spring, if desired.