

Strongbox® Inkberry holly

Ilex glabra

Native alternative to boxwood! Love boxwood but struggle with disease or winter damage? Plant Strongbox inkberry holly instead. This native evergreen naturally grows as a broadly rounded mound, and keeps its leaves all the way to the ground for the lush, dense look you love. It can be pruned or shaped as you desire, or left to attain its neat natural shape. It's also much faster growing than boxwood, and offers good deer resistance, too. Top reasons to grow Strongbox inkberry holly: Native to North America, Naturally mounded shape and evergreen, Resistant to disease, pests, and winter burn, Foliage Interest, Winter Interest, Native to North America

CHARACTERISTICS

Plant Type: Shrub

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Height Category: Short

Garden Height: 24 - 36 Inches 61cm - 91cm

Spacing: 24 - 36 Inches 61cm - 91cm

Spread: 24 - 36 Inches 61cm - 91cm

Flower Colors: White

Foliage Colors: Green

Habit: Mounded

Container Role: Filler

PLANT NEEDS

Light Requirement: Sun; Part sun to sun

The optimum amount of sun or shade each plant needs to thrive: Full Sun (6+ hours), Part Sun (4-6 hours), Full Shade (up to 4 hours).

Maintenance Category: Easy

Blooms On: Old Wood

Bloom Time: Spring

Hardiness Zones: 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9a, 9b

Water Category: Average

Uses: Container, Border Plant, Landscape, Mass Planting, Specimen or Focal Point

Uses Notes: Plant Strongbox inkberry holly anywhere you'd use boxwood - as a hedge, edging, or specimen. Strongbox inkberry holly is a bit broader and less rounded than our other inkberry holly, Gem Box

Maintenance Notes: Little care is needed to enjoy Strongbox inkberry holly in your landscape. It has shallow roots, so a 2-3" layer of mulch is a good idea. If you wish to trim or prune it, do so in mid-late spring, after the new growth has emerged. Strongbox is a female variety and will develop black berries if a compatible male pollinator is planted in the vicinity.

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