



Buxus going Orange in Winter

It is not uncommon for English Box or other species of Buxus to turn a bronze colour in Winter. This is often caused by the following:

Waterlogged Soil

More of a problem in winter, water logging of the soil prevents the plant from taking up the necessary nutrients to remain green. Heavy clay or compacted soils will often restrict drainage and create waterlogging of plants, which left untreated can result in root rot and death. Regular applications of gypsum and incorporation of compost and soil improvers will eventually break down clay soils and improve drainage.

During winter, plants do not require as much water as their growth rate decreases with the cold. Make sure gardens are actually dry before watering during the cooler months.

Low Soil pH (too acidic)

Extremely acidic soils prevent Buxus and many other plants from accessing the necessary nutrients to remain green. Having your soil pH tested at Town and Country Gardens can verify if this is the problem. Giving your Buxus a dose of Dolomite should counteract low pH problems.

