

# Topiary Care

## **IVY:**

### **Water:**

Let soil dry slightly between waterings. Ivies do not like to be in standing water for a prolonged length of time. Over-watering is the most common mistake.

### **LIGHT AND TEMPERATURE:**

Ivy can accept a wide range of temperatures between 50° and 80° F. Your ivy topiary can be kept in both bright light or shady locations, but, best if kept in direct sunlight. 1-3 hours sun is best for variegated ivies.

### **FERTILIZER:**

Apply a liquid general house plant fertilizer at ½ rate every other watering when temperatures are above 50° F. Use 30-10-10 (Miracid) on green ivies. Use 15-30-15 (Miracle Gro) on variegated ivy.

### **EXTRA CARE:**

Keep your topiary in shape by winding growth around the topiary form and pulling out dry leaves. Prune out the appropriate area on your topiary to keep its unique shape. Pinch long shoots to keep your plant full and compact. It can be enjoyed indoors year round or kept on a patio and brought indoors for various occasions.

## **HERBAL: (ROSMARY, SILVER THYME, ETC.)**

### **WATER:**

Let soil dry slightly between thorough waterings. Herbal Topiaries do not like to be in standing water or dry soil for a prolonged length of time.

### **LIGHT AND TEMPERATURE:**

Herbal Topiaries can accept a wide range of temperature but generally thrives best in temps between 65° and 80° F. It will thrive best in direct sunlight (3-4 hours sun). East, West or South exposure.

### **FERTILIZER:**

Apply a liquid general house plant fertilizer (Miracid 30-10-10) at ½ rate every other watering during fall, winter and spring. In summer, use full rate with every other watering.

### **EXTRA CARE:**

Keep your topiary in shape by winding growth around the topiary form and pulling out dry leaves. Prune out the appropriate area on your topiary to keep its unique shape. Pinch long shoots to keep your plant full and compact.