

BioGuano Program for Topiary

Whether potted or soil-grown, topiaries create a striking effect in your garden and provide a gardening focal point.

Topiary is the art of shaping plants into extraordinary forms, and most topiaries are perennial plants trimmed and shaped over several years. Slow-growing plant species are easier to manage and are usually longer-lived if provided with some basic care, including plenty of light, regular pruning, good nutrition, and regular watering.

When planting a topiary in the garden, choose a sunny location sheltered from the wind. Potted topiaries should be rotated a quarter turn every month to produce even foliage growth.

Regular light pruning is required to develop and maintain a topiary shape and foliage density. Correct plant nutrition, applied as a routine schedule, is important to help replace foliage and canopy removed by pruning and to support normal plant health. Calcium, magnesium, and sulphur, along with nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium, are key nutrients required to build a strong frame and compact shape and promote efficient photosynthesis in leaves.

Ideally, use liquid organic fertilisers, like BioGuano+ and BioGuano™ Nitrogen Formula, to avoid damaging fine root systems. BioGuano™ liquid organic fertilisers can be incorporated monthly into the regular watering program to provide those essential nutrients and minerals that encourage healthy, balanced growth. For soil-grown topiary with more extensive roots, you may also need to apply well-rotted manures or composted fertilisers around the base annually.

Water your topiary directly at the base, as the dense foliage, typical of many topiaries, can often shed rain or overhead irrigation and prevent it from reaching the roots.



Potted topiaries, with their limited root system, can quickly run out of moisture and nutrients, so remember to water and fertilise them slightly more often than soil-grown topiary, even in Winter.

Regular care and feeding, along with occasional light pruning, will keep your topiary looking top-class.

Some key points are:

- Topiary requires good light, regular pruning, watering and fertilising,
- Use organic fertilisers to protect fine roots and maintain plant and soil health,
- Water and fertilise potted topiary slightly more often than soil-grown plants,
- Ensure water reaches the roots by directly watering the soil or media,
- Foliar fertilising supports a healthy canopy, especially after pruning,
- BioGuano liquid fertilisers provide essential nutrients for growing topiary.

Seasonal Timing	Recommended Usage Rate		Comments
	BioGuano+	BioGuano NF	
Spring & Summer	15 mL	30 mL	Soil-grown Topiary: Per 9 L Watering Can spread over 2-4 m ² . Repeat every 3-4 weeks or as required. Potted Topiary, incorporate every 3-4 weeks in a regular watering program.
Autumn & Winter	30 mL	15 mL	
Foliar Sprays	3 mL/L	3 mL/L	Apply every 3-4 weeks to foliage in the morning or mid-afternoon. Delay sprays on hot days (over 28°C). Safe to pollinators and beneficial insects.

NF = BioGuano Nitrogen Formula an organic, easily absorbed nitrogen and potassium fertiliser.

Note: Shake Well, 1 Cap = 15 mL