

# CASTLE SPIRE®

*Ilex x meserveae* 'Hachfee'

pp#14,310

Common name: blue holly



Landscape Info:	
USDA/AHS zones:	USDA 5/AHS 7
Mature height:	8-10'/2.4-3.0 m
Exposure:	Part-full sun
Irrigation:	Average

Features & Benefits:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Upright, pyramidal holly offers outstanding form and foliage.</li> <li>- Female variety will develop red berries if a compatible male is nearby (Castle Wall® or 'Blue Prince').</li> <li>- A good choice for evergreen hedging, winter containers, and holiday décor.</li> </ul>



Cultural info:		
pH Level:	5.6 - 6.2	
Nutrient Needs:	Average	
EC (2:1 extract):	0.6 – 0.9	
Light Level:	Moderate to high	
Watering:	Average	
Rooting Out Temp:	65 – 72° F/18.3 – 22.2° C	
Overwintering Temp:	Polyhouse, no heat (where hardy)	
Sales Window:	All season (evergreen)	
Blooms On:	Old wood (blooms insignificant)	
Trimming/pruning:	Trim 3-5 times	
Vernalization:	Required	
Vigor Rating:	Slow to average	
Finish Size	Liner Size	Weeks of Active Growth to Finish
1 gallon	2 ¼" • 4" • QT	14-16 • 13-15 • 12-14
2 - 3 gallon	4" • QT	16-18 • 14-16

Grower Tips:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trim to shape as new growth allows – do not cut into thick stems. Follow plant's natural pyramidal habit.</li> <li>• Berries will only develop before sale if the plant is allowed to flower (no dormant or spring prune) and if compatible male varieties are grown within the same range.</li> <li>• Chlorosis may occur on undernourished plants or those grown in media with a neutral or high pH.</li> <li>• Potting a 2 ¼" liner directly into a 3 gallon container is not recommended.</li> </ul>
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