

Rhododendron x Bloombux® Blush

Rhododendron x 'Microhirs 3' USPP28473

Zone: 5b-9

Propagation Timing: August-September is ideal, June and July have also worked well in British Columbia.

Cutting Length and Type: 4-5cm, stem or tip cutting (without flower buds)

Propagation Media: Fine Pumice.

Propagation Greenhouse Temperature: Bottom heat between 15°C-18°C is ideal between December-February, air temperature of 15°C-18°C is also ideal in winter months.

Propagation Greenhouse Humidity: 80-95%

Liner Media pH: 5.3-6.2pH

EC: 0.9-1.2.

Pest and Disease Management: Phytophthora- plants do not like wet media.

Fertilizer: Controlled Release Fertilizer- 18-5-12 +Micros (5-6M) applied in Yr.3 (reference table below) Spring and Yr.4 Spring at recommended rate. Fertigation- Ammonium Nitrate and Magnesium Sulphate are both great additions to a fertilizer recipe that will aid in keeping the pH lower.



CROP TIMING

TASK	MONTH
Propagation-Take Cuttings	June-September (Yr.1)
Transplant to Liner (4in)	October-February (Yr.1/Yr.2)
First Prune on Liner	February-May (Yr.2)
Potting 2g	June-August (Yr. 2)
Second Prune Liner/First Prune Container	July (Yr.2)
Prune Container	April (Yr.3)
Second and Final Prune on Container	Late June/Early July (Yr.3)
Saleable Plant	May (Yr.4)

Dormancy/Winter Storage Notes: When fully rooted, Bloombux can be stored outside or in an unheated greenhouse overwinter well in a zone 7 or 6b climate. Otherwise, plants should be stored in an area where minimal heat is possible when temperatures drop below -15°C/5°F

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