

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical name	Pachysandra terminalis
Delivery size	9 cm pot per plant · approx. 10–25 cm total height · sets as selected
Habit	Perennial evergreen ground cover with underground runners
Leaves	Green wedge-shaped leaves with teeth in the upper section
Flower colour	Small whitish flowers in short upright spikes
Flowering	Spring; foliage is the focus
Expected height	Species approximately 15–30 cm, depending on garden position
Planting	Spring or early autumn in frost-free workable soil
Spacing	Shop guidance: 25–30 cm between plants
Position	Partial shade to shade; humus-rich soil with drainage

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Light	Choose partial shade to shade.	Hot full sun can lighten and strain foliage.
Soil	Prepare humus-rich moisture-retaining draining soil.	Persistent wetness and a dry container rootball remain unsuitable.
Planting	Moisten the rootball, plant at the previous height and water in.	New roots need contact with prepared soil.
Water	Check the young root zone directly and water thoroughly as needed.	Tree roots can remove water even from shaded borders.
Edges	Monitor runners beside paths and small neighbours.	The plant spreads over an area rather than staying at its starting point.
Leaf care	Remove diseased or dead shoots individually.	Healthy evergreen foliage need not all be removed routinely.
Feeding	Account for soil supply and supplement moderately as needed.	More fertiliser replaces neither suitable shade nor good drainage.
Checking	With spots or dying shoots, inspect leaf undersides and soil.	Dense stressed planting may develop leaf and shoot disease problems.

Knowledge that grows

Leaf coverage holds the garden edge together

Light spots and shade alternate through the day below woody plants. *Pachysandra terminalis* gradually forms low continuous coverage there. Individual leaves are recognisable by wedge-shaped bases and coarser teeth in their upper sections. Crowded at shoot tips, they almost resemble small green rosettes. A young delivery plant initially shows only a few shoots; later coverage still needs to develop. When planning, look beyond each pot to the whole intended margin: where should a calm leaf surface emerge and where should neighbours and paths stay visible?

Pachysandra is no substitute for every dark place

The German name Schattengrün describes a garden plant for partial shade to shade, not one permanently suited to dark interiors. Outdoor shade differs too. Beneath a large tree, soil sometimes stays dry after light rain while exposed ground farther away becomes moist. Check the planned position over several days and directly in the root zone. Very hot full sun can strain foliage. A bright path edge with intermittent shade is easier to supply than a hot dry area that merely looks dark briefly in the morning.

Treat the 9 cm plants as a start

Offered sets contain young plants each in 9 cm pots at about 10–25 cm total height including pot. Species profiles give approximately 15–30 cm garden height for older planting. These measure different things, so do not conflict. The shop recommends 25–30 cm spacing as guidance. Lay pots over the area before digging holes. Smaller perennials, watering access and the course of paths remain visible. A closed covering does not arise on day one. How quickly gaps fill depends on garden position, plant development and density.

Underground shoots need a planned edge

Pachysandra widens through underground runners. This helps build a continuous area but needs monitoring at the edges. Where a little neighbour should remain free, check regularly for incoming shoots. A margin beside larger woody plants offers different space from a narrow pocket between sensitive individuals. Retain accessible check points and a clear path boundary. Move rooted sections when relocating pieces, treating them as fresh planting again. Cut greenery alone is not established new ground cover. Position and ongoing care keep the later area manageable.

Water to the rootball during establishment

Spring or early autumn often offers milder planting conditions. Soil must be frost-free and workable. Loosen the spot without unnecessarily damaging large woody roots and check drainage. Moisten the pot ball before unpotting, set at its previous height and gently bring soil around it. After watering in, check the former container ball where new roots start growing. A quick splash on distant surface soil does not reliably supply it. Water slowly and deeply when needed, letting surplus drain. A fixed number of watering days suits neither changing weather nor competition from neighbouring roots.

Discover spring flowers close up

Small whitish flower spikes may appear at shoot ends in spring. They are a quiet addition to foliage, not a large colour area like a profusely flowering summer perennial. A delivered plant need not yet have them. When older leaves become unsightly, remove dead material individually rather than pre-emptively cutting everything back. With spots or dying shoots, look closer: soil moisture, density and unusual leaves belong in the same assessment. Do not cover recurring damage with extra fertiliser. Maintain air movement in dense coverage and water soil where possible instead of repeatedly wetting all leaves.

Even evergreen edges change

Evergreen means foliage may persist through winter; individual leaves and shoots still age. After dry windy or strongly sunny winter periods, coverage may look patchier. Watch spring growth and first inspect actual roots before abandoning the whole area. Pots lack the moisture reserves of larger garden ground. Open drainage holes, enough root space and sheltered outdoor position remain important. In normally supplied soil, feed only as needed. A good shade edge comes from suitable conditions and accessible planting whose leaves and boundaries are monitored through the year.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



AI-designed leaf detail in the garden; not a scale photograph of the delivery offer.

Unchanged original photograph of a young pachysandra in a 9 cm pot. Approx. 10–25 cm total height, set as selected.

Good to know

Is pachysandra a houseplant?

This portrait describes garden ground cover in partial shade to shade, not a plant for a dark home.

How tall does *Pachysandra terminalis* grow?

Species profiles give about 15–30 cm garden height. Approximate 10–25 cm delivery height includes pot.

When does it flower?

Small whitish spikes may appear in spring. Delivery need not be flowering.

How densely should I plant?

The shop gives 25–30 cm spacing. Coverage and time depend on position and development.

Why is a shade border still dry?

Large tree roots may take water, and rain does not reach everywhere. Check the young root zone directly.

Does it stay at the planting point?

No. Underground runners widen the planting. Check edges and small neighbours regularly.

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