

Iresine Blazin' Lime

(*Iresine hybrid*)

A Ball FloraPlant Product

Propagation

- Choose a well-drained medium with an EC of 0.75 to 0.80 mmhos and a pH of 5.8 to 6.2.
- Stick cuttings within 12 to 24 hours of arrival. Cuttings can be stored overnight, if necessary, at 45 to 50°F (7 to 10°C).
- Soil temperature should be maintained at 68 to 73°F (20 to 23°C) until roots are visible.
- Begin fertilization with 75 to 100 ppm N when roots become visible.
- A media drench with Bonzi (0.5-1.5 ppm) prior to sticking the cuttings has proven to reduce stem elongation in propagation. Apply to already moist media and adjust volume and rate of application for local conditions. A Bonzi spray (1-3 ppm) applied 8 to 10 after sticking is also effective.
- **Iresine Blazin' Lime** does not require pinching during propagation.
- Iresine rooted cuttings should be ready for transplanting 21 to 24 days after sticking.

Growing On to Finish

Media

Use a well-drained, disease-free, soilless medium with a pH of 5.8 to 6.2.

Temperature

- Nights: 62 to 67°F (17 to 19°C)
- Days: 71 to 79°F (21 to 26°C)
- Cool night temperatures will extend crop time.

Light

- Keep light intensities at 4,000 to 7,000 f.c. (40,000 to 70,000 Lux).
- Extremely high light levels will have a bleaching effect on the leaves.

Watering

Allow the media to dry slightly between watering, but wilting should be avoided.

Fertilizer

- Use constant feed with a balanced fertilizer at 175 to 225 ppm.
- Leach regularly to avoid the buildup of soluble salts.

Pinching

Pinch plants 7 to 14 days after transplanting as needed to improve basal branching. A 4-in. (10-cm) crop can be produced with no pinching.

Controlling Growth

- A Cycocel (1,000 to 1,500 ppm) and B-Nine (2,500 to 4,000 ppm) tank mix applied 1 to 3 times, or Bonzi (5 to 10 ppm) applied as a spray are both effective.
- For smaller containers (4 to 6 in./10 to 15 cm), a Bonzi drench (1 to 3 ppm) will help to reduce leaf size and unwanted stretch. Apply 10 to 14 days after transplant.
- These recommendations for plant growth regulators should be used only as general guidelines. Growers must trial all chemicals under their particular conditions.

Common Problems

Insects: Aphids, whitefly

Diseases: Rhizoctonia, Pythium

All **Iresine Blazin' Lime** cuttings are derived from culture and virus-indexed stock from the **Ball Certified Plants®** program.

Iresine Blazin' Lime Crop Schedule & Uses

Unrooted cuttings:

4-In. (10-Cm) Pot 1 PP* 6 - 9 weeks
6-In. (15-Cm) Pot 1-2 PP* 8 - 10 weeks
10-In. (25-Cm) Pot 3-4 PP* 10 - 13 weeks

Rooted cuttings:

4-In. (10-Cm) Pot 1 PP* 3 - 6 weeks
6-In. (15-Cm) Pot 1-2 PP* 5 - 7 weeks
10-In. (25-Cm) Pot 3-4 PP* 7 - 10 weeks

*PP: Plants per pot or basket

NOTE: Growers should use the information presented here as a starting point. Crop times will vary depending on the climate, location, time of year and greenhouse environmental conditions. Chemical and PGR recommendations are only guidelines. It is the responsibility of the applicator to read and follow all the current label directions for the specific chemical being used in accordance with all regulations.

Visit ballhort.com today to check out the complete line of terrific products from Ball FloraPlant.