Green Thumb Swiss Stone Pine

Pinus cembra 'Green Thumb'



Green Thumb Swiss Stone Pine
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Height: 10 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Arolla Pine

Description:

An excellent vertical evergreen, with a dense, narrow habit of growth; keeps its lower branches longer than other pines, remains dense and upright at maturity; hardy and adaptable to dry soils, very slow growing

Ornamental Features

Green Thumb Swiss Stone Pine is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its rigidly columnar form. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The needles remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Green Thumb Swiss Stone Pine is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub. When pruning is necessary, it is recommended to only trim back the new growth of the current season, other than to remove any dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Green Thumb Swiss Stone Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Green Thumb Swiss Stone Pine will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 120 years or more; think of this as a heritage shrub for future generations!

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.