Dwarf Lodgepole Pine

Pinus contorta 'Minima'



Dwarf Lodgepole Pine
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Height: 4 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A very unusual garden plant with a mounded rounded form, and tiny needles held on open branches, very tight and compact; prefers dry soils, makes a great conversation piece or special accent plant for the garden

Ornamental Features

Dwarf Lodgepole Pine is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has rich green evergreen foliage. The needles remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Dwarf Lodgepole Pine is an open multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

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.

Dwarf Lodgepole Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Dwarf Lodgepole Pine will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 100 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 selection of a native North American species.