Shorty Leyland Cypress

Cupressocyparis x leylandii 'Shorty'



Shorty Leyland Cypress
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Height: 5 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

This lovely cypress presents interesting tiny foliage that is olive green to bluish in tone; upright, compact habit that is dense, bushy and slow growing; great as a low hedge, container plant or landscape specimen

Ornamental Features

Shorty Leyland Cypress is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive bluish-green-variegated olive green foliage. The tiny needles are highly ornamental and remain olive green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Shorty Leyland Cypress is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a distinctive and refined pyramidal 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, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Shorty Leyland Cypress is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Shorty Leyland Cypress will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. 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 for 60 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.