Montana Moss® Juniper

Juniperus chinensis 'SMNJCHM'



Montana Moss Juniper
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A low growing evergreen with attractive, blue-green needle-like foliage that resembles moss, and is soft-to-the-touch; mounded, spreading habit; ideal for use as a groundcover in sunny dry locations; a durable selection with unique texture



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Ornamental Features

Montana Moss Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. It has attractive bluish-green foliage with hints of powder blue. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Montana Moss Juniper is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Montana Moss Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Montana Moss Juniper will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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 for approximately 30 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. 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.