Green Splendor Arborvitae

Thuja plicata 'Green Splendor'



Green Splendor Arborvitae
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Height: 25 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Western Arborvitae, Western Red Cedar

Description:

A beautiful, narrowly conical evergreen tree presenting fine, deep green foliage that holds its color through winter; faster growing, with a very dense, compact habit; a good vertical accent plant that is excellent as a screen or hedge

Ornamental Features

Green Splendor Arborvitae is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. The shaggy antique red bark and coppery-bronze branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Green Splendor Arborvitae is a dense evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree. When pruning is necessary, it is recommended to only trim back the new growth of the current season, other than to remove any dieback. 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.

Green Splendor Arborvitae is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts

Planting & Growing

Green Splendor Arborvitae will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.