Gold Spire Mugo Pine

Pinus mugo 'Gold Spire'



Gold Spire Mugo Pine foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Mugho Pine, Swiss Mountain Pine

Description:

A narrower conical variety of this species, making it great for use as an evergreen hedge or screen; needles emerge a golden yellow and then turn deep green; a garden backdrop or a solitary accent shrub; extremely tough and adaptable to varying conditions

Ornamental Features

Gold Spire Mugo Pine is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage which emerges gold in spring. The needles are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Gold Spire Mugo Pine is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with 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 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.

Gold Spire Mugo Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Gold Spire Mugo Pine will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 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 for 50 years or more.

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, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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.