Umbrella Smoothleaf Elm

Ulmus carpinifolia 'Umbraculifera'



Umbrella Smoothleaf Elm
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

This form is usually grafted as a standard to form a small rounded or arching tree with dense branching; may reach thirty feet in height; fruits are create added interest

Ornamental Features

Umbrella Smoothleaf Elm is primarily valued in the landscape for its cascading habit of growth. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The serrated pointy leaves turn an outstanding gold in the fall.



Umbrella Smoothleaf Elm fruit
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Landscape Attributes

Umbrella Smoothleaf Elm is a deciduous tree with a strong central leader and a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects
- Disease

Umbrella Smoothleaf Elm is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent

Planting & Growing

Umbrella Smoothleaf Elm will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 5 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 selection of a native North American species.