



## Arborvitae, Dwarf Golden

*Thuja occidentalis 'Aurea'*

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Spacing: 4 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Eastern White Cedar

### Description:

An upright columnar evergreen shrub for home landscapes featuring dense dark golden foliage all year long; makes an ideal color accent for the shrub garden, hardy and adaptable, takes pruning well; best in sun for the golden color.

### Ornamental Features

Arborvitae, Dwarf Golden is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive gold evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and turn yellow in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

### Landscape Attributes

Arborvitae, Dwarf Golden is a dense 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.

Arborvitae, Dwarf Golden is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



*Arborvitae, Dwarf Golden foliage*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Arborvitae, Dwarf Golden will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 4 feet apart. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub 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. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.

### **Special Attributes**

Arborvitae don't do well if they aren't well watered regularly. Evergreens need to be watered during the winter. Our desert climate especially in late winter to early spring evergreens can suffer during next growing season. An easy way to remember check for dryness on the holidays Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day, Valentines Day & Easter.