



**Linden, Greenspire**  
*Tilia cordata 'Greenspire'*

Height: 40 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: Littleleaf Linden, Lime, Smallleaf Lime

**Description:**

A magnificent shade tree with a strong, spire-like shape throughout its life; fragrant yellow flowers in early summer when few trees bloom; fairly low maintenance, adaptable, makes an excellent lawn or street specimen.

**Ornamental Features**

Linden, Greenspire is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It features subtle clusters of fragrant yellow flowers with tan bracts hanging below the branches in early summer. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The heart-shaped leaves turn an outstanding gold in the fall. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up.

**Landscape Attributes**

Linden, Greenspire is a dense deciduous tree with a strong central leader and a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. 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 tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds and bees to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Linden, Greenspire is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Linden, Greenspire*  
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*Linden, Greenspire flowers*  
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- Shade
- Vertical Accent

### **Planting & Growing**

Linden, Greenspire will grow to be about 40 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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 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.