



Shorty Leyland Cypress

Cupressocyparis x leylandii 'Shorty'

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight:  

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Description:

This lovely cypress presents interesting tiny foliage that is olive green to bluish in tone; upright, compact habit that is dense, bushy and slow growing; great as a low hedge, container plant or landscape specimen

Ornamental Features

Shorty Leyland Cypress is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive bluish-green-variegated olive green foliage. The tiny needles are highly ornamental and remain olive green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Shorty Leyland Cypress is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. 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.

Shorty Leyland Cypress is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Shorty Leyland Cypress
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Planting & Growing

Shorty Leyland Cypress will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 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 60 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. 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, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.

Special Attributes

Cupressocyparis are classified as Toxic to people, pets & livestock it is not commonly ingested, it must taste really bad.