



**Juniper, Montana Moss**  
*Juniperus chinensis 'SMNJCHM'*

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

**Description:**

A low growing evergreen with attractive, blue-green needle-like foliage that resembles moss, and is soft-to-the-touch; mounded, spreading habit; ideal for use as a groundcover in sunny dry locations; a durable selection with unique texture

**Ornamental Features**

Juniper, Montana Moss is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its interestingly mounded form. It has attractive bluish-green foliage with hints of powder blue. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter.

**Landscape Attributes**

Juniper, Montana Moss is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. 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.

Juniper, Montana Moss is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover



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### **Planting & Growing**

Juniper, Montana Moss will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. 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 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.

### **Special Attributes**

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.