



## Yew, Spreading

*Taxus x media 'Densiformis'*

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

### Description:

An ideal landscape shrub with a dense, wide-spreading habit, bright green emerging foliage is held against dark evergreen needles in spring; an extremely versatile garden or foundation shrub, takes pruning very well, does well in shade

### Ornamental Features

Yew, Spreading is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has forest green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The ferny sprays of foliage remain forest green throughout the winter. The fruits are showy red drupes displayed from early to late fall.

### Landscape Attributes

Yew, Spreading is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Yew, Spreading is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



Yew, Spreading  
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## **Planting & Growing**

Yew, Spreading will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. 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 50 years or more.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full 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 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**

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.