



## **Western Red Cedar, Green Giant**

*Thuja 'Green Giant'*

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight:  

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Green Giant Arborvitae

### **Description:**

A stately looking upright evergreen that grows uniformly and is perfect for privacy or wind screening; very resilient and resists ice and snow damage, grows in almost any soil type

### **Ornamental Features**

Western Red Cedar, Green Giant is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has rich green evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage remain green throughout the winter. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up. The shaggy brown bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Western Red Cedar, Green Giant is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen tree 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 tree. 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.

Western Red Cedar, Green Giant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening

### **Planting & Growing**

Western Red Cedar, Green Giant will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It has a low canopy, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.



*Western Red Cedar, Green Giant*  
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This tree 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 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

These evergreens do shed inside foliage in the autumn or spring. Thuja have small seeds generally not much to clean up. The tree is classified as toxic animals.