Arborvitae, Yellow Ribbon

Thuja occidentalis 'Yellow Ribbon'



Arborvitae, Yellow Ribbon
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Height: 10 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Eastern White Cedar

Description:

A compact, upright evergreen shrub featuring dense foliage emerging orange and turning green over the summer; ideal size for small-scale articulation and as a garden color accent, hardy and adaptable; best with some sun.

Ornamental Features

Arborvitae, Yellow Ribbon is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its rigidly columnar form. It has attractive gold evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding harvest gold in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Arborvitae, Yellow Ribbon is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub. 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.

Arborvitae, Yellow Ribbon is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Arborvitae, Yellow Ribbon in fall
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Planting & Growing

Arborvitae, Yellow Ribbon will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 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 approximately 30 years.

This shrub 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, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Special Attributes

Arborvitae don't do well if they aren't well watered regularly. 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.



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