Cypress, Leyland Shorty

Cupressocyparis x leylandii 'Shorty'



Cypress, Leyland Shorty
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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

Cypress, Leyland Shorty 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

Cypress, Leyland Shorty 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 can be pruned at anytime. 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.

Cypress, Leyland Shorty is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Cypress, Leyland Shorty 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.

Clean up Rating (1-5) 1=least effort 5=most effort

Clean Up Ratings (3): Interior foliage can be raked up and bagged and seeds can be blown or raked onto the lawn and mowed or bagged. In the autumn few to some 1/4 to 1/2 inch seeds can drop and can shed some inner foliage. 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. During the growing season maintain regular deep watering.