Pine, Mugo Pesto

Pinus mugo 'INDom2'



Pine, Mugo Pesto foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Mugho Pine, Swiss Mountain Pine

Description:

A low and spreading evergreen shrub which will become much wider than high; rich green needles form a dense mat, staying low to the ground without pruning; excellent massed as groundcover, or a ground hugging accent; very adaptable and tough

Ornamental Features

Pine, Mugo Pesto is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has emerald green evergreen foliage. The needles remain emerald green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Pine, Mugo Pesto is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer 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.

Pine, Mugo Pesto is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Pine, Mugo Pesto will grow to be about 12 inches 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. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

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This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in 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, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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.