Pine, (Lodgepole) Chief Joseph

Pinus contorta 'Chief Joseph'



Pine, (Lodgepole) Chief Joseph foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

This lovely dwarf pine is slow growing, pyrimidal and compact; most of the year the needles are colored green but in late fall and winter they turn to a spectacular gold; likes well drained soil and will shed some needles throughout summer

Ornamental Features

Pine, (Lodgepole) Chief Joseph is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has rich green evergreen foliage. The needles turn an outstanding gold in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Pine, (Lodgepole) Chief Joseph is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub 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 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, (Lodgepole) Chief Joseph is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Pine, (Lodgepole) Chief Joseph will grow to be about 12 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 40 years or more.

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This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average conditions that are neither too wet nor too dry, and is very intolerant of 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 is a selection of a native North American species.

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

Clean Up Rating (3): Cones are oval shaped 1 to 2 1/2 inches long, and hang down taking 2 years to mature. Young cones are purple changing to brown as they mature. Clean up for the cones are raking and bagging them, The inside needles shed in fall or spring an be blown or raked onto the lawn and mowed or bagged. 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 is on the holidays Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day, Valentines Day & Easter. During the growing season maintain regular deep watering.