Filiformis Erecta Arborvitae

Thuja orientalis 'Filiformis Erecta'

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Other Names: Platycladus orientalis

Description:

A beautiful and versatile evergreen shrub with a rounded habit of growth, very adaptable, makes a great hedge or accent on the landscape

Ornamental Features

Filiformis Erecta Arborvitae is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its decidedly oval form. It has attractive yellow-variegated green foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter. The shaggy antique red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Filiformis Erecta Arborvitae is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a shapely oval 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.

Filiformis Erecta Arborvitae is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Filiformis Erecta Arborvitae
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Filiformis Erecta Arborvitae foliage
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Planting & Growing

Filiformis Erecta Arborvitae will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 selected variety of a species not originally from North America.