



ARBORVITAE



FACTS

Grow Zone: 2 - 8

Family: Cupressaceae

Genus: Thuja

Native To: North America (2 species), East Asia (3 species)

Mature Height: 5' - 80'

Mature Width: 5' - 20'

Type: Evergreen conifer

Growth Habit: Upright, conical or globular, medium to fast rate

Foliage: Green or golden, flat, lacy fan-shaped needles with scales

Flowers: Inconspicuous

Propagation: Cuttings

Why We Love Arborvitae:

Although it is a Latin name meaning "Tree of Life," Arborvitae is actually the common name for members of the Thuja genus. These fast-growing evergreen trees or dwarf trees have a wide variety of uses in landscaping. Many trees are bred to stop at ideal heights for privacy walls, such as 'Emerald Green' or 'American Pillar.'

LIGHT

Full sun to partial shade. 6 - 8 hours of sun per day is ideal.

Great for creating shade and privacy.

Likes afternoon shade in warmer grow zones.

WATER

Prefers even moisture with good drainage, approx 1"/week. Established trees are tolerant of wet or drought, young or newly planted trees are not. Do not overwater.

SOIL

Well-draining, neutral, loamy, fertile soil. Fertilize once per year, if needed, with slow-release granular fertilizer. Amend soil to ensure adequate drainage deep below the roots.

FYI: Browning needles are normal at center near trunk or at tips during winter. Excessive browning is a sign of stress. Plant 5' - 10' apart for a privacy wall with conical varieties.

INTERESTING VARIETIES:

- Thuja occidentalis 'Degroot's Spire'
- Thuja occidentalis 'Forevery Goldy'
- Thuja occidentalis 'Smaragd' (Emerald Green Arborvitae)
- Thuja occidentalis 'Globosa'
- Thuja occidentalis 'American Pillar'
- Thuja standishii × plicata 'Green Giant'
- Thuja occidentalis (Eastern White Cedar)
- Thuja plicata (Western Red Cedar)
- Thuja standishii
- Thuja koraiensis

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