Golden Tuffet Arborvitae

Thuja occidentalis 'Golden Tuffet'



Golden Tuffet Arborvitae
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: Eastern White Cedar

Description:

An attractive pillow shaped golden orange shrub that creates an interesting focal point for borders or groupings; very slow growing and full sun brings out its best features

Ornamental Features

Golden Tuffet Arborvitae is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. It has attractive gold foliage with hints of lime green which emerges yellow in spring. The threadlike sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain gold throughout the winter.



Golden Tuffet Arborvitae foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Golden Tuffet Arborvitae is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

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.

Golden Tuffet Arborvitae is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Golden Tuffet Arborvitae will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 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 approximately 30 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Golden Tuffet Arborvitae makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.