Amber Gold Arborvitae

Thuja occidentalis 'Jantar'

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Jantar Arborvitae, Eastern White Cedar

Description:

A striking upright evergreen shrub for home landscapes, maintains a dense, compact shape without pruning, features stunning yellow foliage that turns amber-gold in winter; hardy and adaptable, best with adequate sun, protect from drying winds



Amber Gold Arborvitae
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Ornamental Features

Amber Gold Arborvitae is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape for its rigidly columnar form. It has attractive chartreuse evergreen foliage which emerges yellow in spring. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain chartreuse throughout the winter.



Amber Gold Arborvitae foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Amber Gold Arborvitae is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. 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.

Amber Gold Arborvitae is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Amber Gold Arborvitae will grow to be about 15 feet 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, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. 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.



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