



PLANT CARE SERIES

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Emerald Green Arborvitae

A tight, pyramidal evergreen spire working well as a hedge or to create a punctuation mark in the garden. Emerald Green arborvitae has lush medium green foliage, and are easy to grow. Emerald Green arborvitae grow 15 to 18 feet tall and 2 to 3 feet wide, but can be kept smaller with pruning. When planting Emerald Green arborvitae or as we sometimes refer to them as "Arbs" for a screen or hedge we recommend planting them 2 to 3 feet on center (center of root ball to center of hole). Hardy to -40°F.

EXPOSURE

Full sun to part shade.

PLANTING

We recommend **Gardner & Bloome Soil Building Compost**, **Dr. Earth Starter Fertilizer** and **Bonide Root n Grow**.

Steps

- Dig the planting hole twice the width of the root ball, but no deeper
- Use 1/3 **Soil Building Compost** to 2/3 existing soil and mix thoroughly.
- Add **Dr. Earth Starter Fertilizer** to planting hole follow directions on back of container.
- Place arborvitae in planting hole, making sure the top of the root ball is a half-inch to 1 inch above the existing soil. The soil under the root ball must be very firm.
- Once you get the desired level remove the twine from around the trunk of the plant and peel back the burlap part way.
- DO NOT REMOVE THE BURLAP.
- Back fill around the root ball with the amended soil. Make sure that none of the burlap is above the soil as this will work as a wick to draw moisture from the plant.
- Water in the **Bonide Root n Grow** following directions on the label. Use at least 5 gallons of water per tree.
- Follow watering instructions in the section below.
- Apply **Bonide Root n Grow** again 7 to 10 days after planting.

FERTILIZING

Apply fertilizer in the early spring with **Dr. Earth Rhododendron and Camellia Fertilizer** and again late summer. (Arbs like acidic conditions.)

MULCHING

Apply 2 to 3 inches of **Soil Building Compost** around the arborvitae in the spring and then again in the fall. Make sure not to pile it right against the trunk of the arborvitae.

WATERING

Water deeply 2 or 3 times a week, maybe more depending on your soil. Soaker hoses laid down on both sides of the root balls ensure the best watering. Remember to water deeply, this encourages a deep root system, helping to make your arborvitae more drought tolerant. It is really important to keep your newly planted arbs watered the first few summers. When watered those first few summers they can grow 8 to 12 inches per year.

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SPRAYING

Spider mites can sometimes be a problem with Emerald Green Arborvitae. As a preventive Bonide All Season Oil can be applied in the dormant season, usually November to March.

PRUNING

If desired, prune in the early spring before any new growth. It is normal for some branches to die each year. These small branches accumulate in the bottom branches, clean out with hands or blast it out with your garden hose.

STAKING

If you live in a windy area, staking may need to be done.

USES

As a hedges, plant 2 to 3 feet on center. Use as an accent plant, or even in containers.

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