Sherwood Frost Arborvitae

Thuja occidentalis 'Sherwood Frost'



Sherwood Frost Arborvitae foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Eastern White Cedar

Description:

An exciting new evergreen shrub for northern gardens, featuring creamy variegated foliage all season long; upright and pyramidal habit, very compact, ideal for home landscapes and gardens; hardy and adaptable, best with sun, protect from drying winds

Ornamental Features

Sherwood Frost Arborvitae is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its decidedly oval form. It has attractive white-variegated green foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.



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Landscape Attributes

Sherwood Frost 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.

Sherwood Frost Arborvitae is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Sherwood Frost Arborvitae will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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.