Rheingold Arborvitae

Thuja occidentalis 'Rheingold'



Compact, cone shaped evergreen shrub with bright golden foliage that develops into coppery gold in winter. Use as formal or informal hedge or screen, either clipped or unclipped.

Botanical Pronunciation: THEW-ya ok-si-den-TAY-lis

Key feature: Hedge Plant

Plant type: Conifer

Deciduous/evergreen: Evergreen

Cold hardiness zones: 4 - 8

Light needs: Full sun

Water Needs: Needs regular watering - weekly, or more often in extreme heat.

Average landscape size: Moderate growing 4 to 5 ft. tall and wide, larger with age.

Growth rate: Moderate
Growth habit: Compact

Special features: Attracts Birds, North American Native, Year-round Interest

Landscape uses: Border, Container, Hedge, Very Wet Areas

Blooms: Does not flower

Foliage color: Yellow

Care Information

Follow a regular watering schedule during the first growing season to establish a deep, extensive root system. Feed with a general purpose fertilizer before new growth begins in spring. For a tidy, neat appearance, shear annually to shape. Pruning time: spring.

Design Ideas

Here is a fine choice for a low, sheared hedge that will offer golden foliage that has a lovely burnished look in winter. It makes a good divider between properties without blocking views.