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### **Green Mound Dwarf Japanese Juniper**

Juniperus procumbens 'Green Mound'

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: 

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Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Japanese Garden Juniper

#### **Description:**

A lovely evergreen groundcover that is low growing and mat forming; has a cushion like appearance and its needle-like leaves are blue-green in color; excellent as an accent for rock gardens or borders and can be draped over walls

#### **Ornamental Features**

Green Mound Dwarf Japanese Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. It has attractive bluish-green evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and turn plum purple in the fall, which persists throughout the winter. It produces blue berries from late spring to late winter.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Green Mound Dwarf Japanese Juniper 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, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.



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Green Mound Dwarf Japanese Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

#### **Planting & Growing**

Green Mound Dwarf Japanese Juniper will grow to be about 10 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 is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.