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Leyland Cypress

Cupressocyparis x leylandii 'Relax'



Leyland Cypress foliage
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Height: 8 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Description:

This lovely cypress presents interesting tiny olive green foliage that is both fine and dense; columnar form has a slightly relaxed weeping habit that makes a beautiful visual impact as a border or accent planting

Ornamental Features

Leyland Cypress is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its rigidly columnar form. It has attractive olive green evergreen foliage. The tiny needles are highly ornamental and remain olive green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Leyland Cypress is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Leyland Cypress is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Leyland Cypress will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.