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Honeycomb Mugo Pine

Pinus mugo 'Honeycomb'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Mugho Pine, Swiss Mountain Pine

Description:

A bold, mounded dwarf mugo pine that is emerald green from spring through fall; as winter approaches, a warm golden color spreads from the tips inward producing a glowing mound of winter charm

Ornamental Features

Honeycomb Mugo Pine is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its interestingly mounded form. It has attractive light green evergreen foliage. The needles are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding gold in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Honeycomb Mugo Pine is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded 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.

Honeycomb Mugo Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Honeycomb Mugo Pine will grow to be about 4 feet 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 40 years or more.



Honeycomb Mugo Pine foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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.