



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

GREEN GIANT AND LEPRECHAUN ARBORVITAE CARE

LIGHT

Green Giant and Leprechaun are hybrids of Japanese and western arborvitae (*Thuja standishii* and *T. plicata*). Grow in full sun to partial shade with good air circulation. Green Giant becomes a large, vigorous tree; Leprechaun is more compact and slower-growing. Choose spacing from the actual cultivar rather than a generic hedge label.

WATER

Water slowly through the root ball and surrounding soil after planting. Check moisture regularly and water deeply when needed, keeping roots evenly moist during establishment. Adjust for rain and drainage rather than following a fixed daily schedule. Continue checking during dry autumn weather until the ground freezes.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant in moist, well-drained soil with the root flare at or slightly above ground level. Keep any graft union above the soil. Mulch lightly across the root zone without touching the trunk. Protect shallow roots from digging, compaction, lawn equipment, and added soil, and allow room for the cultivar's mature width.

FEEDING

Use a soil test to guide fertilizer and pH changes. Healthy plants may need no routine feeding. If nutrients are needed, use a modest spring application of tree or shrub fertilizer at the label rate. Avoid heavy nitrogen and late-season feeding; browning is not automatically evidence of a nutrient deficiency.

SEASONAL CARE

Little pruning is needed for a natural specimen. For a managed screen, make light trims within green growth in spring or early summer, leaving the base wider than the top. Do not depend on repeated topping to fit an undersized site, and avoid cutting into bare old wood that may remain empty.

HELPFUL TIPS

Fast growth is conditional on healthy roots and suitable moisture; heavy fertilizer cannot compensate for poor drainage or drought. These hybrids are not interchangeable in size. Deer damage is still possible even where a plant is described as resistant. Check cold hardiness for the cultivar and exposure before planting a long screen.