

Calocedrus decurrens

INCENSE CEDAR

Outstanding Qualities

Incense cedar is a tough, easy-to-grow native of the Pacific Northwest. The upright, narrow form of this conifer gives it a stately and formal appearance in the landscape that improves with age. Dark green foliage is soft to the touch and has a wonderful cedarlike fragrance that permeates the air in warm weather. It makes an excellent vertical accent as a garden specimen and can be used as a drought-tolerant screening plant. Incense cedar has no major pest problems and tolerates poor soils and urban conditions. It makes a wonderful backdrop for flowering shrubs.

Culture

Incense cedar grows best in good garden soil, but it adapts to almost any soil condition as long as the drainage is adequate. Give this tree a spot in full sun to light shade. It tolerates hot spots in the garden. Once established it is quite drought resistant.

Growing Habit

Incense cedar grows as an upright, narrow tree, reaching eight to ten feet tall and about four to five feet wide in ten years. Ultimately, it will grow to about thirty-five to forty feet tall and about ten to twelve feet wide.

Hardiness

USDA zones 5 to 8



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