Spiralis Falsecypress

Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Spiralis'



Spiralis Falsecypress
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Height: 12 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

A truly unique garden accent shrub with a strongly upright yet spreading habit and upright spires of branches; grows quite large, use for its unique habit in larger gardens

Ornamental Features

Spiralis Falsecypress is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has dark green evergreen foliage which emerges lime green in spring. The scale-like sprays of foliage remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Spiralis Falsecypress is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Spiralis Falsecypress is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Spiralis Falsecypress will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.