Winter Sun Mugo Pine

Pinus mugo 'Wintersonne'



Winter Sun Mugo Pine foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Mugho Pine, Swiss Mountain Pine

Description:

An extremely hardy cultivar that produces medium green needles in summer that turn an electric yellow-gold with the cooler temperatures of fall and winter; a great garden or landscape accent; takes candle pruning well if a more compact form is desired

Ornamental Features

Winter Sun Mugo Pine is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its interestingly mounded form. It has rich green evergreen foliage. The needles turn outstanding shades of yellow and in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Winter Sun 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.

Winter Sun Mugo Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Winter Sun Mugo Pine will grow to be about 6 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, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

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.