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## Degroot's Spire Arborvitae *Thuja occidentalis 'Degroot's Spire'*

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Eastern Arborvitae, American Arborvitae

### Description:

A pencil-thin spire-like evergreen accent for home landscape use, with a spiraling tendency of growth; a most unique specimen in the hands of inspired gardeners, hardy and adaptable, use as a solitary; best in sun, protect from drying winds

### Ornamental Features

Degroot's Spire Arborvitae has green foliage. The scale-like leaves remain green throughout the winter. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant.

### Landscape Attributes

Degroot's Spire Arborvitae is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. 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.

Degroot's Spire Arborvitae is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent

### Planting & Growing

Degroot's Spire Arborvitae will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.



*Degroot's Spire Arborvitae*  
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This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is quite adaptable, preferring to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, 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 selection of a native North American species.