

# Chalet

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## Hetz Wintergreen Arborvitae

*Thuja occidentalis 'Hetz Wintergreen'*

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Eastern Arborvitae, American Arborvitae

### Description:

A tall, narrowly columnar evergreen tree with dark green foliage that holds its color well in winter; makes an excellent tall hedge; hardy and adaptable; takes pruning well and should also take more shade than other arbs

### Ornamental Features

Hetz Wintergreen Arborvitae is primarily valued in the landscape for its rigidly columnar form. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage remain dark green throughout the winter.

### Landscape Attributes

Hetz Wintergreen Arborvitae is a multi-stemmed evergreen tree with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree. 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.

Hetz Wintergreen Arborvitae is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening



*Hetz Wintergreen Arborvitae*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Hetz Wintergreen Arborvitae will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This tree 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. 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.