

# Planet Earth Arborvitae



It is similar in size to Little Giant but has better foliage density giving it a more formal look. The foliage takes on bronze tones in colder climates. Like our other new Thuja introductions, Planet Earth™ was bred in Georgia and grows very well there. Happily, it doesn't mind cold winters, surviving -33°F in January 2019 without any burn. The same winter-damaged other selections of Thuja occidentalis, some severely.

## *Thuja occidentalis* 'Planet Earth'

- **Use:** Planet Earth™ Arborvitae has a perfectly rounded, dense habit without any shearing. It thrives in warm climates, does equally well in cold climates, and is resistant to Passalora/Cercospora needle blight. The green foliage takes on bronze tones in colder climates. The perfect round shape and compact habit of Planet Earth™ creates an excellent informal hedge, foundation planting, or mixed border.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full to part sun. During the winter they prefer well-drained soils. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Once established needs only occasional water.
- **Growth:** Grows at a moderate rate in a globe shape of 3-5' tall and wide, but can be pruned to maintain a small shape.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-8 Shrub; May need some protection from summer heat. Location will be key on this specimen.
- **Foliage:** Evergreen. The green foliage takes on bronze tones in colder climates up North. Resistant to Passalora/Cercospora needle blight. This evergreen was bred by Dr. John Ruter at the University of Georgia.
- **Flower:** Not known for flowers..

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