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Evergreen Tree Selection Guide

Tree	Height	Spread	Form	Growth Rate	Deer Browse Risk	Growth Requirements	Wind Tolerance	Ornamental Attributes/Comments
Concolor/ White Fir <i>Abies concolor</i>	30-50'	15-30'	Pyramidal	S/M	Low/ Moderate	Sun to light shade, best in dry loose soil. Dislikes heavy clay.	High	Soft, beautiful, blue-green foliage. Excellent growth habit. Nice citrus scent.
Chinese Juniper <i>Juniperus chinensis</i>	D.O.V	D.O.V	D.O.V	M/S	Low	Sun to light shade. Well-drained soils. Drought tolerant.	High	Size and shape may depend on the individual cultivar.
Eastern Red Cedar <i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	D.O.V	D.O.V	D.O.V	M	Low	Sun to partial shade. Very adaptable.	High	Size and shape may depend on the individual cultivar.
Norway Spruce <i>Picea abies</i>	40-60'	25-30'	Pyramidal	F	Low	Sun to partial shade, fairly adaptable to soil type.	High	Dark green, pendulous branches with maturity.
White Spruce <i>Picea glauca</i>	40-60'	10-20'	Pyramidal	M	Low	Sun to light shade, best in rich, moist soils. Very adaptable.	High	Tolerant of heat, cold, salt, and drought. Excellent broad pyramidal shape, with short blue-green needles. Great for wet sites.
Black Hills Spruce <i>Picea glauca var. densata</i>	20-40'	10-20'	Conical	S/M	Low	Sun to light shade, very drought tolerant. Very adaptable.	High	Compact, dense, conical shape. Small, blue-green needles. Excellent choice for a smaller landscape.
Serbian Spruce <i>Picea omorika</i>	50-60'	10-20'	Pyramidal	S/M	Low	Sun to semi shade, well drained soils. Very adaptable.	Medium	Gorgeous two toned blue-green needles. Takes on a slender, graceful habit with somewhat drooping/arched branches.

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Blue Spruce <i>Picea pungens</i>	30-60'	10-20'	Pyramidal	S	Low	Full Sun. Well-drained soil. Very drought tolerant.	High	Excellent blue foliage. Stiff, sharp needles (great in areas w/deer). Nice pyramidal form. Great for urban sites.
Austrian Pine <i>Pinus nigra</i>	50-60'	20-40'	Pyramidal Spreading	M	Low	Sun to light shade, very tough, adaptable. Salt tolerant.	High	Dark, stiff needles. Excellent, grey and black striped bark as ages.
Eastern White Pine <i>Pinus strobus</i>	50-70'	20-40'	Spreading	F	Moderate when young	Sun to light shade. Can tolerate a variety of soils.	Moderate	Very ornamental. Loses its lower limbs with age. Nice, long, soft needles.
Douglas Fir <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	30-70'	12-20'	Pyramidal	M	Moderate High	Sun to partial shade. Moist, well-drained soil.	Low	Beautiful specimen, nice shape. Blue-green needles.
'Emerald Green' Arborvitae <i>Thuja occidentalis 'Smaragd'</i>	10-15'	3-4'	Columnar	S/M	High	Sun to partial shade. Moist, well-drained, soil.	Moderate	Excellent small space specimen. Often used for hedges and screens. Nice light green color.
'Dark American' Arborvitae <i>Thuja occidentalis 'Nigra'</i>	20-30'	10-15'	Pyramidal	M	High	Sun to partial shade. Moist, well-drained soil.	Moderate	Nice specimen. Used for hedges, screens, and single planting. Beautiful soft, light green foliage.
'Green Giant' Arborvitae <i>Thuja plicata 'Green Giant'</i>	30-40'	15-25'	Pyramidal	F	Moderate High	Sun to partial shade. Prefers moist soils, but adaptable. Will do well in damp areas.	Moderate	Extremely beautiful specimen. Used for in formal hedges and screens. Excellent as a single planting. Dark green foliage turning slight yellow-orange during winter months.
Canadian Hemlock <i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	40-60'	20-35'	Pyramidal	M	Moderate	Sun to shade. Tolerant of wet soils. But prefers moist, well-drained.	Low	Graceful habit. Short needles, with a nice green color. Does not do well with drought or wind.

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