Gemstone Hinoki Falsecypress

Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Gemstone'



Gemstone Hinoki Falsecypress
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

A dense and dramatic garden evergreen, featuring tightly layered fans with darker and lighter shades of green, on an artistic conical form; a special shrub for both color and texture in the garden, best used as an accent; prefers humid conditions

Ornamental Features

Gemstone Hinoki Falsecypress is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Gemstone Hinoki Falsecypress is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

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.

Gemstone Hinoki Falsecypress is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Gemstone Hinoki Falsecypress will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. It has a low canopy. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, 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 selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Gemstone Hinoki Falsecypress makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.