



## Hedges and Natural Barriers

*Where quality is always growing*

Trees and shrubs are an excellent way to screen for privacy, define an area, establish property lines, and provide shelter from sun and wind. The right plant to use will depend upon factors such as what the intended purpose will be, what the growing conditions are, and what appearance you're looking to attain.

### Quick Lists

#### Formal Sheared Hedges

Arborvitae  
Beech  
Boxwood  
Burning Bush  
Hemlock  
Hornbeam  
Juniper  
Privet  
Yew

#### Deer Resistant

Boxwood  
Burning Bush  
Hornbeam  
Juniper  
Privet  
Spruce

#### Informal Natural Barriers

Burning Bush  
Juniper  
Pyramidal Cap Yew  
Spruce  
Viburnum  
Weeping Alaskan Cedar

#### Great for Blocking Wind

Hornbeam  
Juniper  
Spruce

#### Works in Part to Full Shade

Beech  
Boxwood  
Hemlock  
Yew

#### Colorful or Flowers

Beech  
Blue Spruce  
Burning Bush  
Viburnum

### More Information – Ordered from tallest to shortest

Common Name	Botanical name	Spacing Minimum	Annual Growth	Hedge (HxW)	Characteristics
<b>Canadian Hemlock</b>	<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	6'	8"-18"	6'-35' x 6'	Shade tolerant. Needs protection from wind and drought. Shears well for a formal hedge.
<b>Weeping Alaskan Cedar</b>	<i>Chamaecyparis nootkatensis</i> 'Pendula'	10'	1-3'	25'-35' x 15'	Very distinct look. Evergreen. Deer resistant. Zone 5
<b>Blue, Norway, and White Spruces</b>	<i>Picea</i> spp.	12'	1-3'	15'-40' x 15'	Evergreen. Deer resistant and salt tolerant. Zone 3
<b>Pyramidal European Hornbeam</b>	<i>Carpinus betulus</i> 'Fastigiata'	10'	1-2'	15'-35' x 6'	Shears well for formal hedge. Deer Resistant. Zone 4.

<b>Emerald Green Pyramidal Arborvitae</b>	Thuja occidentalis 'Smaragd'	4'	1-2'	10'-25' x 6-8'	Fast growing. Do not plant if deer are a problem. May need protection from winter wind. Zone 4
<b>Green Giant Pyramidal Arborvitae</b>	Thuja x plicata 'Green Giant'	6'	2-4'	10'-25' x 8-12'	Very fast growing. Partially deer resistant. May need protection from winter wind. Zone 5.
<b>Columnar Beech</b>	Fagus sylvatica Dawyckii varieties, Red Oblisk	8'	1'	10'-35' x 6'	Shears well for formal hedge. Slow growing. Red or gold color. Zone 4.
<b>Rocky Mountain Upright Juniper</b>	Juniperous scopulorum 'Moonglow' 'Wichita' and others	4'-5'	1'	8-12' x 4'-5'	Evergreen. Salt and wind tolerant. Deer resistant. Zone 3.
<b>Fat Albert Blue Spruce</b>	Picea pungens 'Fat Albert'	6-8'	6"-1'	8-12' x 8'	Evergreen. Salt and wind tolerant. Deer resistant. Smaller than regular Blue Spruce. Zone 3.
<b>Pyramidal Cap Yew</b>	Taxus capitata	4-5'	6-12"	8-20' x 8'	Evergreen. Do not plant if deer are a problem. Shade tolerant. Zone 4.
<b>Dwarf Burning Bush</b>	Euonymus alatus 'Compacta'	4'	12-18"	6-10' x 5-10'	Fast growing. Bright red fall color. Shear or allow natural form. Zone 4.
<b>Hatfield Yew</b>	Taxus media 'Hatfield'	3-4'	6-10"	6-12' x 3-4'	Evergreen. Do not plant if deer are a problem. Shade tolerant. Zone 4.
<b>Doublefile Viburnum</b>	Viburnum p. t. 'Shasta' 'Mariesii' and others	5-6'	8-10"	5-8' x 6-8'	White flowers in spring. Red fall color and berries. Zone 5.
<b>Seagreen Juniper</b>	Juniperus chinensis 'Sea Green'	4'	6-10"	4'-6' x 4'-6'	Evergreen. Salt and wind tolerant. Deer resistant. Zone 3.
<b>Privet</b>	spp.	3-4'	1-2'	4-12' x 4'-6'	Very fast growing. Shears well. Tolerate some shade. Can be invasive. Zone 4.
<b>Densiformis Yew</b>	Taxus media 'Densiformis'	3'	6-12"	3'-4' x 3'-5'	Evergreen. Do not plant if deer are a problem. Shade tolerant. Zone 4.
<b>Green Mountain Boxwood</b>	Buxus x sempervirens 'Green Mountain'	24-36"	3-4"	3-5' x 2-3'	Evergreen. Slow growing. Deer resistant. Zone 4.
<b>Chicagoland Green Boxwood</b>	Buxus x sempervirens 'Glenco'	18"	2-3"	12-24" x 12-24"	Evergreen. Slow growing. Deer resistant. Zone 4.