



Yards have dramatically decreased in size in most subdivisions. Gone are the days when a 10m tall and wide evergreen would fit easily in a developed landscape. Now people consider an evergreen over 6m in height and a spread of 5m to be too large for their yard. As a result, Cannor Nurseries is stocking evergreens that will comfortably fit in a suburban yard and still allow room for other trees and shrubs.

1. There are several narrow **Spruce** that work well in such a yard: *Picea abies fastigiata* 'Christina' a very narrow spruce with deep green needles that will grow to 4m high and spread 1m.

Picea abies pendula Weeping Norway Spruce Similar to Christina but maintains a weeping habit. A wonderful specimen tree for the small yard.

Picea pungens Baby Blue Eyes A small spruce with brilliant blue color that grows to 5m high and spreads 3m.

Picea pungens fastigiata Columnar Blue Spruce This spruce has an upright habit and only spreads to 1.5m.

2. **Pine** trees are also available in narrow forms: *Pinus mugo* 'Big Tuna' New this year, this pine forms a dense screen reaching heights of 3m and a width of 2m.

Pinus sylvestris fastigiata Columnar Scots Pine A tall, dense, narrow tree with reddish bark grows to 4m high and only spreads 1m.

3. **Upright Junipers** provide wonderful year-round color: *Juniperus scopulorum* 'Cologreen' Bight green foliage and reaches a height of 4m and spreads 1.5m.

Juniperus scopulorum 'Medora' This juniper is available in a double spiral form that creates a beautiful sculpted specimen for the small yard.

Juniperus scopulorum 'Tolleson's Weeping' A real conversation piece! A weeping silver-blue juniper that grows to 4m high and spreads 2.5 m. A "must see" item.

Every yard should have evergreens to provide year-long color, protection for birds and wonderful texture. With Cannor Nurseries selection of narrower spruce, pine and junipers there are choices for every landscape and yard size. Our staff will assist you in making the choices suitable for your yard.

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Annual 50% off Members Only Sale

You must have a current membership to shop this sale. Our inventory reduction sale takes place at the end of season. No other local garden center has a sale this big!

This year the sale is September 6th.

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Patio Plants

Patio plants are feature plants grown in containers, used for décor during the summer and then retired to storage for the fall and winter months. This is a great option for people who are homesick for plants that are not hardy for our area. Favourites from Ontario, B.C. or tropical plants that remind you of vacations in the sun can be successfully grown in Edmonton with a little planning.

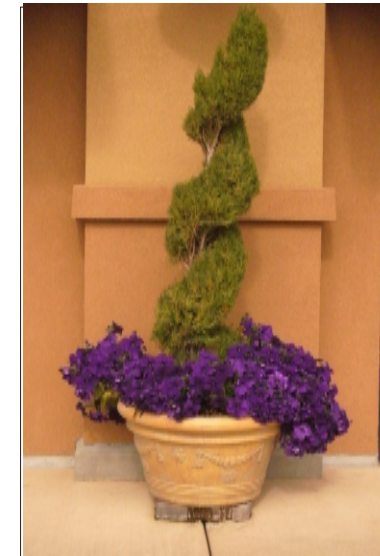
Even hardy plants, that are rated zone 3 or lower, which is typically winter hardy for our area, cannot not survive a winter in a pot. The roots need the insulation of the earth. Pots expose the roots to extreme fluctuations of warm and cold, which damages the fine root ends. However most potted plants can be over wintered if you have the correct storage.

An unheated garage, barn, garden shed or green house is great for non-tropical plant storage. Cedars, Japanese Maples, Tea Roses and Wisteria Vines are examples of plants that will happily go dormant in pots when they are protected from the extreme cold. Keep them moist and protected from the harsh winter in unheated storage. For the deciduous plants, allow them to lose their leaves and when they have gone completely dormant move them inside. Evergreens can be placed inside after the first few fall frosts.

As the weather warms up you can move these **hardy** patio plants out of doors. A minor frost is not going

to hurt them and they need the sunlight to bring the sap up to stimulate growth.

Bougainvillea, Passion Flower, Hibiscus, Banana, Calla Lilies, Cannas, Dracaena, Palms and other zone 8 or higher plants, all make great patio plants. They need **warm storage** over the winter. Heated garages or basements with grow lights on a timer make a good winter environment. Remember that bugs will also over-winter so be prepared to deal with aphids and the like. As soon as the threat of frost is past the tender plants can be placed out of doors for another season of tropical colour and foliage.



Control Your Pests

Safer Soap will take care of most of the pest problems. When you are wintering over plants in a warm environment watch for other critters from our Rogues Gallery and stay on top of them before they take over!

Feeding Container Plants is really Important

To keep your containers bright and healthy make sure you feed with a good slow release fertilizer in the early spring. Then each time you water use a diluted water-soluble product.

Watering is also really important.

In the heat of the late July and August you may need to water twice a day. **Gel Spikes** and **Plant Nannies** can keep your plants moist and extend the time between watering.

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