



Christmas Tree

Care Tips

Water (Frequency):

Once every other day. For areas that are extremely hot (like Portmore), water once per day. Seedlings in pots should be watered once every day.

*Plant growth may be boosted using fertilizers, such as *Ammonium Sulfate* or *20-20-20* (enriches colour of foliage).

Pruning (Frequency):

Pinch or clip edges of the plant within the first six months of the seedling being planted (if grown for use as Christmas tree). Prune every three to four months onwards to keep a desirable shape and size.

Common Pests and Treatments:

In case of an attack by blights (fungus) or aphids (insect pest), your plant may be treated with the following:

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| ● Sulcox | } | <i>fungicides</i> |
| ● Ridomil | | |
| ● Champion | | |
| ● Actara | } | <i>insecticides</i> |
| ● Engeo | | |

**Be guided by manufacturers' directions for use of fungicides and insecticides.*

Uses

- Ornamental: Planted in pots or outdoors. Decorated for use as a Christmas tree.



- Agroforestry: Used to establish windbreaks or live fences.



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Description

Scientific Name

Cupressus lusitanica

Family

Cupressaceae (Conifer)

Native Range

Mexico and Central America

Height at Maturity

35m

Time to Maturity

6-9 years (3 years for use as Christmas tree)

Coning Period

May to August

Light Preference

Full sun

Soil Preference

Deep, well-drained, moist, fertile and loamy

Location Preference

Thrives in cool, hilly areas

Plant Type
Tree



Foliage
Evergreen



Cone Colour
Green when young, brown when mature