



HEDGES & SCREENS

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Chalet offers a wide range of deciduous and evergreen plants that are perfect for creating informal or formal hedges. Informal hedging plants require minimal pruning and usually have an open branching structure with large leaves, making them an excellent choice for a natural hedge. On the other hand, formal hedging plants can be sheared into a desired shape since they have a tight branching structure with small leaves. The end result is a more formal look. The table below categorizes hedging plants by general height (dwarf, medium, tall and very tall). Spacing refers to the planting distance between the centers of each plant in the hedge. A bold **F** at the end of a description denotes a plant that is suited to shearing.

DWARF - 1 to 4 FEET				
Botanic & Common Name	Height	Spacing	Exposure	Description
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> 'Bonanza Gold' Bonanza Gold Barberry	2'	1 1/2 -2'	☉	Deciduous. Small, scorch-resistant yellow-gold leaves. Thorny stems. Nice color accent. Slow growing. F
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> 'Crimson Pygmy' & 'Royal Burgundy' Dwarf Red Barberry	2-3'	1 1/2 -2'	☉	Deciduous. Small burgundy leaves. Thorny stems. Great as a low colorful hedge. Slow growing. F
<i>Buxus</i> 'Chicagoland Green' Chicagoland Green Boxwood	3-4'	2-3'	☉ / ●	Broadleaf evergreen. Developed by Chicagoland Grows. Will not winterburn. Great for hedging. Slow growing. F
<i>Buxus</i> 'Green Velvet' Green Velvet Boxwood	2-3'	2-3'	☉ / ●	Broadleaf evergreen. Our most popular boxwood. Grows naturally in a neat mounded form. Great for a small evergreen hedge. Slow growing. F
<i>Cornus racemosa</i> 'Huron' Huron Gray Dogwood	3-4'	2-3'	☉ / ●	Deciduous. Shiny dark green leaves become burgundy in the fall. Creamy white flowers in early spring followed by white berries. Disease resistant.
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i> 'Sarcoxie' Sarcoxie Euonymus	3-4'	3'	☉ / ●	Broadleaf evergreen. Dark green leaves. Can be grown as a shrub or low vine. Rapid growing.
<i>Itea virginica</i> 'Little Henry' Little Henry Virginia Sweetspire	2-3'	2-3'	☉ / ☉	Deciduous. The smallest dwarf form of Virginia Sweetspire. Fragrant white flowers in June. Long-lasting reddish purple fall color. Slow growing.
<i>Ribes alpinum</i> 'Greenmound' Greenmound Alpine Currant	3'	3'	☉ / ●	Deciduous. Small leaves. Dense, mounded habit. Highly shade tolerant. Moderate growing. F
<i>Spiraea betulifolia</i> 'Tor' Tor Birchleaf Spiraea	2-3'	2-3'	☉ / ☉	Deciduous. Fine textured, birch-like, iridescent green leaves turn brilliant yellow-gold, bronze and red in the fall. White flowers in the spring. F
<i>Spiraea japonica</i> 'Little Princess' Little Princess Spiraea	2-3'	2-3'	☉ / ☉	Deciduous. Mint-green leaves. Clusters of rose-crimson flowers in the summer. Moderate growing. F
<i>Spiraea japonica</i> 'Neon Flash' Neon Flash Spirea	3-4'	2-3'	☉ / ☉	Deciduous. New leaves emerge red, then change to medium green. Rosy lavender flowers in flat clusters in June. Rapid growing. F
Sun ☉ 6 hours of direct sun	Partial Sun ☉ 3 hours of direct sun		Shade ● No direct sun or low/moderate filtered sun	

DWARF - 1 to 4 FEET (cont)

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<i>Spiraea x bumalda</i> 'Goldflame' Goldflame Spiraea	3-4'	2-3'	○ / ●	Deciduous. New leaves emerge red, then change to a muted yellow. Lavender flowers in flat clusters in June. Rapid growing. F
<i>Spiraea x bumalda</i> 'Limemound' Limemound Spiraea	3'	2-3'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Lemon-yellow spring leaves turn soft lime-green color for the summer. Orange red fall color. Light pink flower clusters. Neat shape without much pruning. F
<i>Taxus media</i> 'Dark Green Spreader' Dark Green Spreader Yew	3-4'	4-5'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Great variety with dark green color. Dense, slow growing makes for nice, low hedge. Tolerates shade, but intolerant of wet feet. F
<i>Weigela florida</i> 'Minuet' Minuet Weigela	2 1/2'	2'	○	Deciduous. Dark green foliage is tinged with purple. Dark ruby flowers in late spring. Dense, compact form without pruning. Quite cold hardy. Moderate growing.
<i>Weigela florida</i> 'Wine and Roses' Wine and Roses Weigela	3-4'	3'	○	Deciduous. Dark maroon foliage borders on black. Deep rose flowers in late spring. Dense, compact form without pruning. Moderate growing.

MEDIUM - 4 to 8 FEET

<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i> 'Brilliantissima' Red Chokeberry	6-8'	3'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Shiny, dark green leaves turn scarlet in fall. White flowers in spring. Showy, bright red berries in fall may persist until January. Excellent planted in mass. Moderate growing.
<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> 'Autumn Magic' Autumn Magic Chokeberry	6'	4-5'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Similar to the above species except the berries are blackish purple. The plant suckers profusely and forms colonies. Moderate growing.
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> 'Atropurpurea' Red Leaf Barberry	5-6'	3'	○	Deciduous. Small, burgundy leaves. Thorny stems. Effective barrier hedge. Moderate growing.
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> 'Rosy Glow' Rosy Glow Barberry	4-5'	2-3'	○	Deciduous. New leaves emerge marbled pink and burgundy. Thorny stems. Effective barrier hedge. Moderate growing.
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> 'Helmond's Pillar' Helmond's Pillar Barberry	4'	2'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Small, reddish-purple leaves. Narrow columnar perfect for thin hedge or accent in rock garden. Moderate growing.
<i>Buxus</i> 'Green Mountain' Green Mountain Boxwood	3-5'	2-3'	○ / ●	Broadleaf evergreen. Pyramidal and tallest form of hardy boxwood. Leaves are similar in size to Green Velvet. Moderate growing. F
<i>Cornus alba</i> 'Bailho' Ivory Halo Variegated Dogwood	5-6'	3-4'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Showy variegated cream and green leaves and red stems. Rapid growing.
<i>Cornus racemosa</i> 'Geazam' Geauga Gray Dogwood	6-8'	4'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Tough native shrub tolerant of shade and wet soils. Red-purple fall color. Rapid growing.
<i>Cotoneaster acutifolia</i> Peking Cotoneaster	5-8'	3'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Glossy, dark green leaves turn yellow and red in fall. Hardy and adaptable. Easy to maintain in a formal shape. Moderate growing. F
<i>Euonymus alatus</i> 'Compacta' Compact Burning Bush	5-6'	3'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Dense and compact form. Medium green leaves turn brilliant watermelon-red in fall. Best used as rounded hedge. Moderate growing.
<i>Forsythia</i> 'Sunrise' Sunrise Forsythia	5-6'	3'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Covered in stunning yellow flowers in spring. Nice, dark green foliage all summer. Dense, compact form of Forsythia.
<i>Hydrangea paniculata</i> cultivars Panicle Hydrangea	6-8'	3-4'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Medium green leaves. Showy white cone-shaped flowers emerge in late summer and last well into fall, often turning a pink color. Useful as a naturalistic screen. Rapid growing.

MEDIUM - 4 to 8 FEET (cont)

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<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> 'Sea Green' Sea Green Juniper	4-6'	3'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Arching habit. Soft-textured, bright green foliage. Makes an attractive unsheded hedge. Moderate growing.
<i>Philadelphus</i> cultivars Mockorange	varies	varies	○ / ●	Deciduous. Height range from 4-8 feet depending upon cultivar. Delightfully fragrant white flowers in spring. Not suitable for shearing. Fast growing.
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> 'Summer Wine' Summer Wine Ninebark	5-6'	3'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Deeply cut dark purple-red foliage. Pinkish white flowers in spring. Colorful, vigorous and disease-free. Makes a good substitute for Purple Leaf Plum. Fast growing.
<i>Ribes alpinum</i> Alpine Currant	4-5'	2'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Small leaves. Dense, upright growth. Highly shade tolerant. Moderate growing. F
<i>Rosa</i> cultivars Rose cultivars	varies	varies	○	Deciduous. Roses can make beautiful, colorful hedges. See the rugosa and shrub sections of our Rose Catalog for more information.
<i>Spiraea</i> x 'Grefsheim' Grefsheim Spirea	4-5'	3'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Lovely arching habit similar to Bridalwreath Spirea, but much smaller. White flowers in mid-May. Apricot-gold fall color. Makes a fine unsheded hedge. Moderate growing.
<i>Syringa meyeri</i> 'Palibin' Dwarf Korean Lilac	4-5'	2-3'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Compact, densely branched plant with dark green, semi-glossy leaves. Fragrant, pinkish purple flowers in May. Moderate growing. F
<i>Syringa patula</i> 'Miss Kim' Miss Kim Lilac	5-7'	3'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Upright growth habit. Leaves are larger than Korean Lilacs. Fragrant, ice blue flowers in May. Mildew resistant. Moderate growing.
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i> 'Holmstrup' Holmstrup Arborvitae	6-8'	3'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Shortest of the pyramidal arborvitae. Dark green, nicely textured foliage. Moderate growing.
<i>Taxus media</i> 'Densiformis' Densiformis Yew	5-6'	3'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Dense, broad-based spreading form. Intolerant of wet soil. Moderate growing. F
<i>Taxus media</i> 'Hicksii' Hick's Yew	6-8'	2-3'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Narrow, upright form with a naturally formal appearance. Intolerant of wet soil. Shears easily. Moderate growing. F
<i>Viburnum</i> x 'Juddi' Judd Viburnum	5-6'	3-4'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Pink flower buds are followed by incredibly fragrant white flowers around Mother's Day. Medium green, dense foliage. Moderate growing.
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i> 'Blue Muffin' Blue Muffin Viburnum	5-6'	3'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Lustrous dark green foliage all summer turns orange to red in fall. White flower clusters are followed by blue fruits in summer. Moderate growing.
<i>V. plicatum</i> var. <i>tomentosum</i> 'Summer Snowflake' Summer Snowflake Viburnum	5-6'	3-4'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Snow-white flowers bloom from June to October. Dense, green foliage turns purplish red in fall. Moderate growing.
<i>Viburnum trilobum</i> 'Compactum' Compact Cranberrybush	5-6'	3'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Dense, uniform, rounded habit. Red fall color. Shade tolerant. Moderate growing.
<i>Viburnum trilobum</i> 'Hahs' Hahs Cranberrybush Viburnum	6-8'	4'	○ / ●	Deciduous. White flowers are followed by clusters of red fruit. Red fall color. Good as a naturalistic screen. Rapid growing.

TALL - 8 to 15 FEET

Botanic & Common Name	Height	Spacing	Exposure	Description
<i>Cornus alba</i> 'Bloodgood' Bloodgood Redtwig Dogwood	8'	3-4'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Tall, vigorous shrub with bright red stems. Tolerant of wet soil. Rapid growing.
<i>Forsythia</i> 'Meadowlark' Meadowlark Forsythia	8-10'	4-5'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Another hardy, old time favorite. Arching habit. Bright yellow flowers in April. Useful as a large, rounded hedge. Rapid growing.
<i>Juniperus scopulorum</i> 'Wichita Blue' Wichita Blue Juniper	8-10'	3-4'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Wider than Skyrocket. Blue-green foliage. Rapid growing. F
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i> 'Cheyenne' Cheyenne Privet	6-9'	3'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Popular hedge plant for its uniform, upright habit. White flowers. Very vigorous. F
<i>Spiraea vanhouttei</i> Bridalwreath Spirea	6-8'	3'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Fountain-like habit. Profusion of white flowers in May. Useful as a large, rounded hedge. Rapid growing.
<i>Syringa persica</i> Persian Lilac	6-8'	3-4'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Best tall lilac for hedging because of slender stems and dense growth at base. Fragrant pale purple flowers in May. Rapid growing.
<i>Syringa vulgaris</i> & cultivars Common Lilac & French Hybrids	6-10'	3-4'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Pruning of older stems may be necessary to maintain foliage near the base of the plant. See our Lilac Fact Sheet for more information. Rapid growing.
<i>Taxus cuspidata</i> 'Columnaris' Columnar Japanese Yew	10-12'	2'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Bright green foliage. Upright, conical form is excellent for tight areas. Plant remains full at base. Shade tolerant. Moderate growing. F
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i> 'Smaragd' Emerald Green Arborvitae	10-15'	3'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Our most popular arborvitae. Narrow form. Bright green foliage. Moderate growing. F
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i> 'Techny' Techny Arborvitae	10-15'	4'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Popular broad-based pyramidal form. Dark green foliage holds color well in winter. Same uses as Dark Green. Moderate growing. F
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i> 'Ralph Senior' Autumn Jazz® Arrowwood Viburnum	6-10'	3-4'	○ / ●	Deciduous. More upright than Chicago Lustre. Shiny, dark green leaves turn burgundy in fall. Clusters of metallic blue fruit in fall. Rapid growing.
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i> 'Synnesvedt' Chicago Lustre® Arrowwood Viburnum	6-10'	3-4'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Shiny, dark green leaves turn yellow-gold to orange in fall. Clusters of metallic blue fruit in fall. Hardy and adaptable. Rapid growing.
<i>Viburnum lantana</i> 'Mohican' Mohican Viburnum	8-10'	4-5'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Large, coarse, matte-green leaves. Fall color may be burgundy-red. Best allowed to grow naturally in a wide area. Moderate growing.
<i>Viburnum rhytidophylloides</i> 'Alleghany' Alleghany Viburnum	10-12'	4-5'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Leathery, dark green leaves may be semi-evergreen in winter. Yellowish white flowers in spring. Dense, globose habit without pruning.
<i>Viburnum trilobum</i> 'Wentworth' Wentworth Cranberrybush Viburnum	8-12'	4'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Large, rounded shrub makes a nice naturalistic screen. White flowers are followed by clusters of red fruit. Red fall color. Rapid growing.

VERY TALL - 15 to 60 FEET

<i>Acer platanoides</i> 'Crimson Sentry' Crimson Sentry Norway Maple	20-25'	6-8'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Purple-red foliage all summer. Narrower version of 'Crimson King' Maple, with finer textured foliage. Moderate growing.
<i>Carpinus betulus</i> 'Fastigiata' Columnar Hornbeam	30-35'	6-8'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Dense, slender branches. Fine-textured, dark green leaves. Yellow fall color. Shears beautifully. Ideal where a tall, narrow screen is needed. Slow to moderate growing. F

VERY TALL - 15 to 60 FEET (cont)

Botanic & Common Name	Height	Spacing	Exposure	Description
<i>Cornus mas</i> Corneliancherry Dogwood	20'	6'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Develops into a tall, wide plant if not pruned. Yellow flowers in March. Disease resistant. Moderate growing.
<i>Cornus mas</i> 'Golden Glory' Golden Glory Corneliancherry	20'	5'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Narrower form of the above species with larger, brighter yellow flowers.
<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> 'Hetzii Columnaris' Columnar Hetz Juniper	15-18'	4-5'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Upright pyramidal form. Bright green foliage. Rapid growing. F
<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> 'Spartan' Spartan Juniper	15-18'	4-5'	○ / ●	Evergreen. One of the finest upright junipers. Dark green foliage. Wind and salt tolerant. Rapid growing. F
<i>Juniperus scopulorum</i> 'Skyrocket' Skyrocket Juniper	15-20'	3'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Narrow, columnar form. Silver-blue foliage. Excellent for tight areas. Rapid growing. F
<i>Malus cultivars</i> Crabapple cultivars	varies	varies	○	Deciduous. Many excellent cultivars are available. Most grow from 12-20' tall. Space 8-10' on centers.
<i>Picea abies</i> Norway Spruce	40-60'	15-20'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Dark green needles. Best used in large areas. Rapid growing.
<i>Picea pungens</i> 'Fat Albert' Fat Albert Colorado Blue Spruce	30-40'	15-20'	○	Evergreen. Blue needles. Effective as single, large specimen or in corner groupings and along roads. Moderate growing.
<i>Pyrus calleryana</i> 'Chanticleer' Cleveland Select Flowering Pear	30-35'	8-10'	○	Deciduous. Tall pyramidal form. Glossy foliage turns purple and red in fall. Abundant white flowers in spring. Great for a formal look. Fast growing.
<i>Quercus robur x bicolor</i> 'Long' Regal Prince Oak	25-30'	6'	○	Deciduous. Columnar form. Dark green lustrous foliage turns yellow-bronze in fall. Slow growing.
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i> 'Nigra' Dark Green Arborvitae	10-20'	4-5'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Tall pyramidal form. Medium green foliage. Useful as tall, evergreen screen or planted in groups. Moderate growing. F
<i>Tsuga canadensis</i> Canadian Hemlock	15-20'	5-6'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Short, dark green needles. Shade tolerant. Best in a sheltered location and well-drained soil. Slow growing. F
<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i> Blackhaw Viburnum	15-20'	6'	○ / ●	Deciduous. Largest viburnum for our area. Densely branched. White flowers in June, blue fruit. Purplish red fall color. Moderate growing.

