



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 **SH** at the end of a description denotes a plant that is suited to shearing.

DWARF - 1 to 4 FEET				
Common & Botanic Name	Height	Spacing	Exposure	Description
Alpine Currant, Green Mound <i>Ribes alpinum</i> 'Green Mound'	3'	3'	○ / ●	Small leaves. Dense, mounded habit. Highly shade tolerant. SH
Barberry, Dwarf Red <i>Berberis thunbergii</i> 'Crimson Pygmy' & 'Royal Burgundy'	2-3'	1 1/2 -2'	○	Small burgundy leaves. Thorny stems. Great as a low colorful hedge. SH
Barberry, Sunjoy <i>Berberis thunbergii</i> 'Sunjoy'	3-4'	1'	○	Bright golden foliage turns orange-red in fall. Ideal where narrow form is required.
Boxwood, Chicagoland Green <i>Buxus</i> 'Chicagoland Green'	3-4'	2-3'	○ / ●	Broadleaf evergreen. Developed by Chicagoland Grows. Will not winterburn. Great for hedging. SH
Boxwood, Green Velvet <i>Buxus</i> 'Green Velvet'	2-3'	2-3'	○ / ●	Broadleaf evergreen. Our most popular boxwood. Grows naturally in a neat mounded form. Great for a small evergreen hedge. SH
Euonymus, Sarcocie <i>Euonymus fortunei</i> 'Sarcocie'	3-4'	3'	○ / ◐	Broadleaf evergreen. Dark green leaves. Can be grown as a shrub or low vine.
Forsythia, Showoff <i>Forsythia</i> 'Showoff'	4'	2-3'	○ / ◐	Dark green foliage. Bright yellow flowers in early spring are densely packed on stems from the base of the plant to the tips.
Spirea, Neon Flash <i>Spiraea japonica</i> 'Neon Flash'	3-4'	2-3'	○ / ◐	New leaves emerge red, then change to green. Rosy lavender flowers in flat clusters in June. SH
Spirea, Tor Birchleaf <i>Spiraea betulifolia</i> 'Tor'	2-3'	2-3'	○ / ◐	Fine textured, birch leaf-like gray-green leaves turn brilliant yellow-gold, bronze and red in the fall. White flowers in the spring. F
Virginia Sweetspire, Little Henry <i>Itea virginica</i> 'Little Henry'	2-3'	2-3'	○ / ◐	The smallest form of Virginia Sweetspire. Fragrant white flowers in June. Long-lasting reddish purple fall color.
Weigela, Minuet <i>Weigela florida</i> 'Minuet'	2 1/2'	2'	○	Dark green foliage is tinged with purple. Dark ruby flowers in late spring. Dense, compact form without pruning. Quite cold hardy.

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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Weigela, Wine and Roses <i>Weigela florida</i> 'Wine and Roses'	3-4'	3'	○	Dark maroon foliage borders on black. Deep rose flowers in late spring. Dense, compact form without pruning.
Yew, Dark Green Spreader <i>Taxus media</i> 'Dark Green Spreader'	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. SH

MEDIUM - 4 to 8 FEET

Arborvitae, Technito <i>Thuja occidentalis</i> 'Technito'	4-6'	2-3'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Dark green foliage. A smaller and very dense version of its parent, Techny. Needs no shearing to maintain a tight pyramidal form. <i>Very slow growing.</i> SH
Alpine Currant <i>Ribes alpinum</i>	4-5'	2'	○ / ●	Small leaves. Dense, upright growth. Highly shade tolerant. SH
Arborvitae, Holmstrup <i>Thuja occidentalis</i> 'Holmstrup'	6-8'	3'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Shortest of the pyramidal arborvitae. Dark green, nicely textured foliage.
Barberry, Helmond Pillar <i>Berberis thunbergii</i> 'Helmond Pillar'	4'	2'	○ / ●	Small, reddish-purple leaves. Skinny form is perfect for thin hedge or accent in rock garden.
Barberry, Redleaf <i>Berberis thunbergii</i> 'Atropurpurea'	5-6'	3'	○	Small, burgundy leaves. Thorny stems. Effective barrier hedge.
Barberry, Rosy Glow <i>Berberis thunbergii</i> 'Rosy Glow'	4-5'	2-3'	○	New leaves emerge marbled pink and burgundy. Thorny stems. Effective barrier hedge.
Boxwood, Green Mountain <i>Buxus</i> 'Green Mountain'	3-5'	2-3'	○ / ●	Broadleaf evergreen. Pyramidal and tallest form of hardy boxwood. SH
Burning Bush, Compact <i>Euonymus alatus</i> 'Compacta'	5-6'	3'	○ / ●	Dense and compact form. Medium green leaves turn brilliant watermelon-red in fall. Best used as rounded hedge.
Chokeberry, Autumn Magic <i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> 'Autumn Magic'	6'	4-5'	○ / ●	Dense and compact form. Shiny dark green leaves turn scarlet in fall. White flowers in spring. Blackish purple berries may persist until January. The plant suckers profusely and forms colonies.
Chokeberry, Red <i>Aronia arbutifolia</i> 'Brilliantissima'	6-8'	3'	○ / ●	Similar to above except the berries are red. Excellent planted in mass.
Cotoneaster, Peking <i>Cotoneaster acutifolia</i>	5-8'	3'	○ / ●	Glossy, dark green leaves turn yellow and red in fall. Hardy and adaptable. Easy to maintain in a formal shape. SH
Dogwood, Geauga Gray <i>Cornus racemosa</i> 'Geazam'	6-8'	4'	○ / ●	Tough native shrub tolerant of shade and wet soils. Red-purple fall color. Grows very quickly.
Dogwood, Huron Gray <i>Cornus racemosa</i> 'Huron'	5-6'	3'	○ / ●	Shiny dark green leaves become burgundy in the fall. Creamy white flowers in early spring followed by white berries. Disease resistant.
Dogwood, Ivory Halo Variegated <i>Cornus alba</i> 'Bailho'	5-6'	3-4'	○ / ●	Red stems and variegated cream and green leaves.
Forsythia, Sunrise <i>Forsythia</i> 'Sunrise'	5-6'	3'	○ / ●	Covered in stunning yellow flowers in spring. Nice, dark green foliage all summer. Dense, compact form of Forsythia.
Hydrangea, Panicle <i>Hydrangea paniculata</i> cultivars	6-8'	3-4'	○ / ●	Showy white cone-shaped flowers emerge in late summer and last well into fall, often turning a pink color. Useful as a naturalistic screen.

MEDIUM - 4 to 8 FEET (cont)

Common & Botanic Name	Height	Spacing	Exposure	Description
Juniper, Sea Green <i>Juniperus chinensis</i> 'Sea Green'	4-6'	3'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Arching habit. Soft-textured, bright green foliage. Makes an attractive unsheared hedge.
Lilac, Bloomerang <i>Syringa x patula x macrophylla</i> <i>x meyeri x juliana</i>	4'	2-3'	○ / ●	Blooms in spring, fall and in between! Fragrant pinkish purple flowers are most abundant in spring and fall. The plant is wonderfully petite and tidy.
Lilac, Dwarf Korean <i>Syringa meyeri</i> 'Palibin'	4-5'	2-3'	○ / ●	Compact, densely branched plant with dark green, semi-glossy leaves. Fragrant, pinkish purple flowers in May. SH
Lilac, Miss Kim <i>Syringa patula</i> 'Miss Kim'	5-7'	3'	○ / ●	Leaves are larger than Korean Lilacs. Fragrant, ice blue flowers in May. Mildew resistant.
Mockorange <i>Philadelphus</i> cultivars	varies	varies	○ / ●	Height from 4-8 feet depending upon type. Very fragrant white flowers in spring. Not for shearing.
Ninebark, Summer Wine <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> 'Summer Wine'	5-6'	3'	○ / ●	Deeply cut dark purple-red foliage. Pinkish white flowers in spring. Colorful, vigorous and disease-free. A good substitute for Purple Leaf Plum.
Rose <i>Rosa</i> cultivars	varies	varies	○	Some roses make beautiful, colorful hedges. See the rugosa and shrub sections of our Rose Catalog for more information.
Spirea, Grefsheim <i>Spiraea x 'Grefsheim'</i>	4-5'	3'	○ / ●	Lovely arching habit similar to Bridalwreath Spirea, but much smaller. White flowers in mid-May. Apricot-gold fall color. Great unsheared hedge.
Viburnum, Blue Muffin <i>Viburnum dentatum</i> 'Blue Muffin'	5-6'	3'	○ / ●	Lustrous dark green foliage all summer turns orange to red in fall. White flower clusters are followed by blue fruit clusters in summer.
Viburnum, Compact Cranberrybush <i>Viburnum trilobum</i> 'Compactum'	5-6'	3'	○ / ●	Dense, uniform, rounded habit. Red fall color. Shade tolerant.
Viburnum, Hahs Cranberrybush <i>Viburnum trilobum</i> 'Hahs'	6-8'	4'	○ / ●	White flowers are followed by clusters of red fruit. Red fall color. Good as a naturalistic screen.
Viburnum, Judd <i>Viburnum x 'Juddi'</i>	5-6'	3-4'	○ / ●	Pink flower buds are followed by incredibly fragrant white flowers around Mother's Day. Dense foliage.
Viburnum, Raspberry Tart <i>Viburnum dentatum</i> 'Raspberry Tart'	4-5'	4'	○ / ●	Glossy bright green leaves turn brilliant raspberry red in fall. Creamy-white, flat-topped flowers are followed by clusters of blue-black fruit in fall. This dwarf, compact selection is ideal for smaller areas.
Viburnum, Summer Snowflake <i>Viburnum plicatum</i> var. <i>tomentosum</i> 'Summer Snowflake'	5-6'	3-4'	○ / ●	Snow-white flowers bloom on and off from June to October. Green foliage turns purplish red in fall.
Yew, Densifomis <i>Taxus media</i> 'Densifomis'	5-6'	3'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Dense, broad-based spreading form. Intolerant of wet soil. SH
Yew, Hick's <i>Taxus media</i> 'Hicksii'	6-8'	2-3'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Narrow, upright form with a naturally formal appearance. Intolerant of wet soil. SH

TALL - 8 to 15 FEET

Arborvitae, Emerald Green <i>Thuja occidentalis</i> 'Smaragd'	10-15'	3'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Our most popular arborvitae. Narrow form. Bright green foliage. SH
Arborvitae, Hetz Wintergreen <i>Thuja occidentalis</i> 'Hetz Wintergreen'	12-15'	4-5'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Textured bright green foliage retains its color all winter. Reportedly more shade tolerant than other upright arbs.
Arborvitae, Techny <i>Thuja occidentalis</i> 'Techny'	10-15'	4'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Popular broad-based pyramidal form. Dark green foliage holds color well in winter. SH

TALL - 8 to 15 FEET (cont)

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Dogwood, Bloodgood Redtwig <i>Cornus alba</i> 'Bloodgood'	8'	3-4'	○ / ●	Tall, vigorous shrub with bright red stems. Tolerant of wet soil.
Forsythia, Meadowlark <i>Forsythia</i> 'Meadowlark'	8-10'	4-5'	○ / ●	Another hardy, old-time favorite. Arching habit. Bright yellow flowers in April. Useful as a large, rounded hedge.
Juniper, Wichita Blue <i>Juniperus scopulorum</i> 'Wichita Blue'	8-10'	3-4'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Neat and dense pyramidal form. Blue-green foliage. Good privacy screen. SH
Lilac, Common & French Hybrids <i>Syringa vulgaris</i> & cultivars	6-10'	3-4'	○ / ●	Pruning of older stems may be necessary to maintain foliage near the base of the plant. See our Lilac Fact Sheet for specific list.
Lilac, Persian <i>Syringa persica</i>	6-8'	3-4'	○ / ●	Best tall lilac for hedging because of slender stems and dense growth at base. Fragrant pale purple flowers in May.
Privet, Cheyenne <i>Ligustrum vulgaris</i> 'Cheyenne'	6-9'	3'	○ / ●	Popular hedge plant for its uniform, upright habit. White flowers. Very vigorous. SH
Spirea, Bridalwreath <i>Spiraea vanhouttei</i>	6-8'	3'	○ / ●	Fountain-like habit. Profusion of white flowers in May. Useful as a large, rounded hedge.
Viburnum, Arrowwood Autumn Jazz <i>Viburnum dentatum</i> 'Ralph Senior'	6-10'	3-4'	○ / ●	More upright than Chicago Lustre. Shiny, dark green leaves turn burgundy in fall. Clusters of metallic blue fruit in fall.
Viburnum, Arrowwood Chicago Lustre <i>Viburnum dentatum</i> 'Synnesvedt'	6-10'	3-4'	○ / ●	Shiny, dark green leaves turn yellow-gold to orange in fall. Clusters of metallic blue fruit in fall. Hardy and adaptable.
Viburnum, Mohican <i>Viburnum lantana</i> 'Mohican'	8-10'	4-5'	○ / ●	Large, coarse, matte-green leaves. Fall color may be burgundy-red. Best allowed to grow naturally in a wide area.
Viburnum, Wentworth Cranberrybush <i>Viburnum trilobum</i> 'Wentworth'	8-12'	4'	○ / ●	Large, rounded shrub makes a nice naturalistic screen. White flowers are followed by clusters of red fruit. Red fall color.
Yew, Adam's Columnar <i>Taxus cuspidata</i> 'Adam's Columnar'	8-10'	3-4'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Bright green foliage. Tall and narrow form is ideal where space is limited. Remains full at base. SH

VERY TALL - 15 to 60 FEET

Arborvitae, Dark Green <i>Thuja occidentalis</i> 'Nigra'	10-20'	4-5'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Tall pyramidal form. Medium green foliage. Useful as tall, evergreen screen or planted in groups. SH
Arborvitae, Western Green Giant <i>Thuja plicata</i> 'Green Giant'	30'	6'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Very attractive, medium to dark green, shiny, aromatic foliage. Develops a bronze tint in winter. Deer dislike the foliage.
Dogwood, Corneliancherry Golden Glory <i>Cornus mas</i> 'Golden Glory'	20'	5'	○ / ●	Narrower form of the above species with larger, brighter yellow flowers.
Flowering Pear, Cleveland Select <i>Pyrus calleryana</i> 'Chanticleer'	30-35'	8-10'	○	Tall pyramidal form. Glossy foliage turns purple and red in fall. Abundant white flowers in spring. Great for a formal look.
Hornbeam, Columnar <i>Carpinus betulus</i> 'Fastigiata'	30-35'	6-8'	○ / ●	Dense, slender branches. Fine-textured, dark green leaves. Yellow fall color. Shears beautifully. Ideal where a tall, narrow screen is needed. SH

VERY TALL - 15 to 60 FEET (cont)

Common & Botanic Name	Height	Spacing	Exposure	Description
Juniper, Hetz Columnar <i>Juniperus chinensis</i> 'Hetzii Columnaris'	15-18'	4-5'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Upright pyramidal form. Bright green foliage. SH
Juniper, Spartan <i>Juniperus chinensis</i> 'Spartan'	15-18'	4-5'	○ / ●	Evergreen. One of the finest upright junipers. Dark green foliage. Wind and salt tolerant. SH
Juniper, Skyrocket <i>Juniperus scopulorum</i> 'Skyrocket'	15-20'	3'	○ / ●	Evergreen. Narrow, columnar form. Silver-blue foliage. Excellent for tight areas. SH
Maple, Crimson Sentry Norway <i>Acer platanoides</i> 'Crimson Sentry'	20-25'	6-8'	○ / ●	Purple-red foliage all summer. Narrower version of 'Crimson King' Maple, with finer textured foliage.
Oak, Regal Prince <i>Quercus robur x bicolor</i> 'Long'	25-30'	6'	○	Columnar form. Dark green lustrous foliage turns yellow-bronze in fall.
Spruce, Fat Albert Colorado Blue <i>Picea pungens</i> 'Fat Albert'	15-20'	8-10'	○	Evergreen. Blue needles. Effective as single, large specimen or in corner groupings and along roads.
Spruce, Norway <i>Picea abies</i>	40-60'	15-20'	○ □ / ●	Evergreen. Dark green needles. Best used in large areas. Rapid growing.
Viburnum, Blackhaw <i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	15-20'	6'	○ / ●	Largest viburnum for our area. Densely branched. White flowers in June, blue fruit. Purplish red fall color.

