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FANCIFUL GARDENS®

The conifers in this collection should provide years of visual and gardening pleasure if cared for properly:

- Conifers perform best in full or near full sun.
- Conifers enjoy a well drained root zone.
- Conifers require light but regular fertilization.
- Planted in containers, conifers need a regular watering schedule and protection from winter cold extremes.

If intended for a yard landscape or rock garden, simply remove the plant from the pot and place in the ground. Be sure to provide well drained soil and loosen the roots visible in the root ball to expand their surface area.

When planting in an aboveground container such as a pot or trough, remember that your two most important considerations for success are water and protection from severe winter cold. The life sustaining portion of your

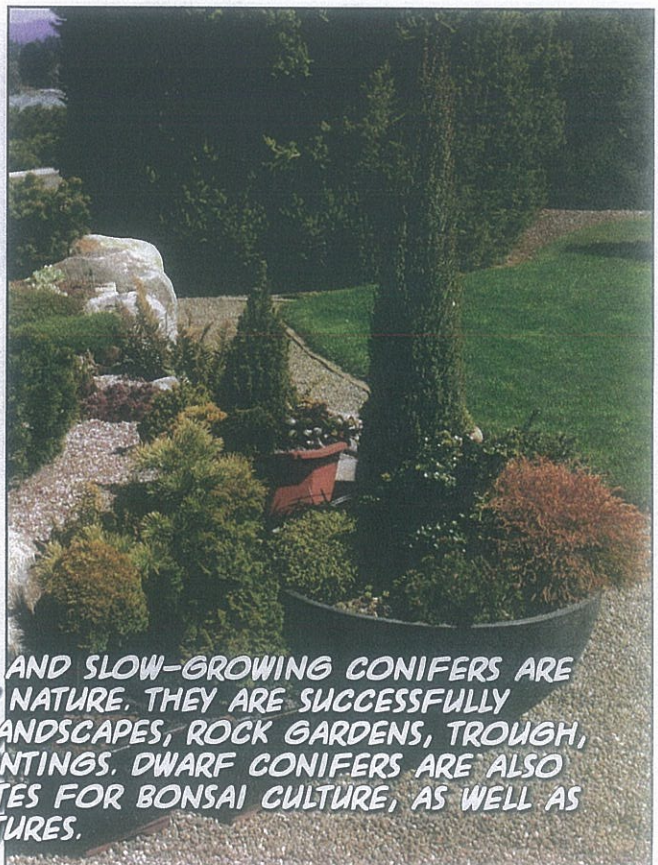
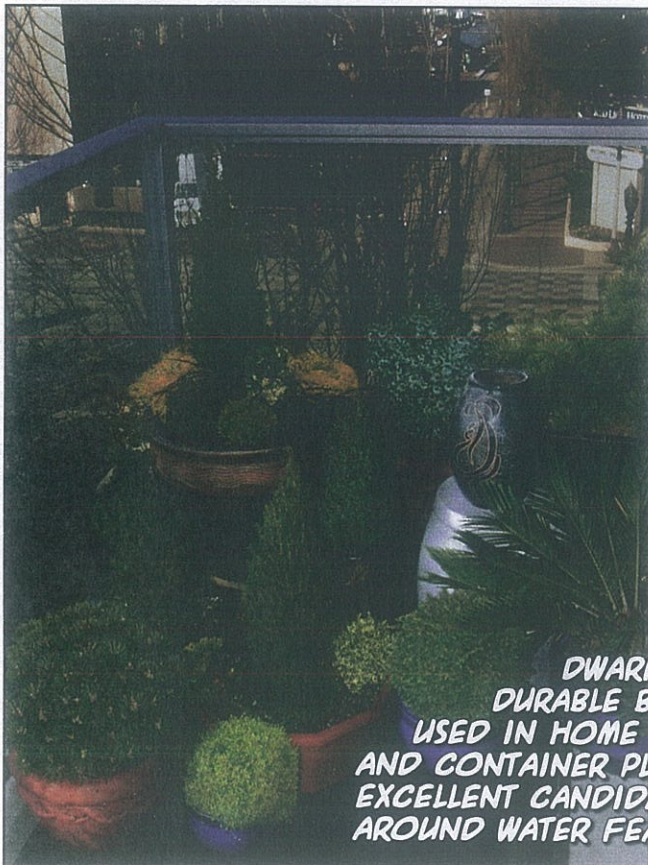
plants (the roots) are above ground in a pot, and the nourishing, moisturizing, and insulating properties of the earth are being withheld. Your attention to fertilizer, water, and winter insulation will allow the plant to survive in a container for many years.

Light but regular applications of fertilizer formulated for conifers is best. Water regularly throughout the year, with special attention to the months of active growth or when weather is dry. Rainfall does help, but don't count on rain for all of the plant's needs.

A cold dry winter will dry out both root and plant top. To protect against intense cold,

you may want to move your containers into an unheated structure, or insulate the container (and sometimes the plant top) with materials such as burlap, plastic, or straw. Cut evergreen boughs also provide good protection.

THE ARRAY OF GREENS, GOLDS, AND BLUES THAT FANCIFUL GARDENS® PROVIDE WILL ENHANCE YOUR SPRING AND SUMMER GARDENING AND PUT A DAZZLING BURST OF "LIVING COLOR" INTO YOUR WINTERSCAPE.



DWARF AND SLOW-GROWING CONIFERS ARE DURABLE BY NATURE. THEY ARE SUCCESSFULLY USED IN HOME LANDSCAPES, ROCK GARDENS, TROUGH, AND CONTAINER PLANTINGS. DWARF CONIFERS ARE ALSO EXCELLENT CANDIDATES FOR BONSAI CULTURE, AS WELL AS AROUND WATER FEATURES.