



CENTRAL UTAH WATER  
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT



Not a lot is going on in the yard this time of year, and the landscape can look a little drab. Adding evergreens to your planting beds can help put some life into your winter garden. Here are just a few among many to consider planting this year:

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## **Brepo Austrian Pine**

*Pinus nigra* 'Pierrick Bregeon'



The standard Austrian Pine grows to be 50-60' tall, but this dwarf variety only grows to be 3-5' tall and wide. Its compact form and slow growing habit allow it to fit perfectly in the average home landscape. Tolerant of hot and dry conditions and poor soils, this is a perfect evergreen to grow in Utah! Plant in a sunny location next to ornamental grasses or deciduous shrubs for a nice texture contrast.

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## **Jasper Engelmann Spruce**



This bluish-green colored spruce originates from the Rocky Mountains and does best in full sun in cool mountain conditions. The spiky look of the short needles gives it a rugged appearance and contrasts well with other plants. It grows 2-4 inches a year and gets to be about two feet tall and wide after 10 years.

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## Color Guard Yucca



With its deep tap root, yucca is a true desert plant and can thrive on little water and in poor soils. This particular variety puts on multiple shows throughout the year. Its yellow and green striped leaves look fantastic year round, with an added hint of red in the colder months. Flower stalks appear in the summer covered in creamy-white flowers. Does best in full sun, but can tolerate a few hours of shade. Grows to be 3-4' tall and wide.

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## Dwarf Globe Blue Spruce

*Picea pungens glauca* 'Globosa'



This compact form of Colorado Blue Spruce grows to be 3-5' tall and wide. Its somewhat rounded shape adds a bit of whimsy to the landscape, and the blue needles contrast well with other plant tones. Makes a great specimen shrub. Grows in full sun or part shade.

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## **Willow Creek Lodgepole Pine**

*Pinus contorta* 'Willow Creek'



This dwarf variety of Lodgepole Pine grows to be 5-7' tall and 4' wide in 10 years. It's adaptable to many soil types and does well in full sun to part shade. It has a pyramidal shape with rich green needles. A beautiful conifer that would make a nice addition to any winter garden.

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## Dealing with Deer



## What can you do to minimize or prevent deer damage to your landscape plants?

Despite what we would all like to hear, there is no list of plants that deer have agreed to leave alone. Even plants with tags that claim they are deer-proof can be damaged and eaten by deer. Deer have not yet learned to read the tags, and until they do, they will continue to eat whatever looks appetizing. There are, however, a few things you can do to aid in the prevention of deer damage. Here are a few tips on dealing with deer:

- 1.** Repellents such as systemic insecticides, human hair, soap, outdoor lighting, artificial noise, and plants with thorns are unreliable methods of deterring deer.
- 2.** The most effective method to deter deer is to build a fence that is 8-10' high and that deer cannot see through. They are less likely to jump a fence if they can't see what's on the other side. Many neighborhoods/cities do not allow fences that high, but you can plant a hedge that will grow that tall, as long as the deer don't find it palatable.

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deer from nibbling on them.

4. A barking dog can often make deer feel unsafe in your yard and may keep them away. But, unfortunately, sometimes that isn't enough, and a deer could end up chasing the dog.
  
5. Motion-activated sprinkler repellents do a good job at scaring away deer and other wildlife.

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### Fruit Trees at Home

Wednesday

February 17 @ 7:00 pm

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Saturday

February 20 @ 10:00 am

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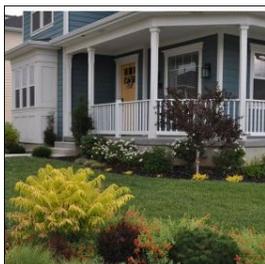
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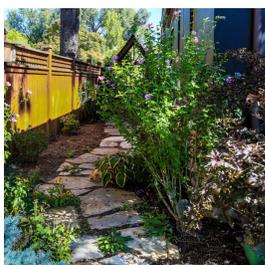
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# Plant Highlight

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## Porcupine Grass

*Miscanthus sinensis* 'Strictus'

This tall ornamental grass got its name from the stripes on the blades that look similar to porcupine quills. It closely resembles Zebra Grass, but has a tighter, more upright form. Makes a great backdrop for shorter plants, and can be planted in narrow spots that need some vegetative height. Should be cut down to just a few inches in late fall or early spring.

Plant Type: Ornamental Grass

Mature Size: 4-6' T x 3' W

Light Requirements: Full Sun

Hardiness Zones: 5-9



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