



## **Cupressus sempervirens 'Stricta' Care Details**

The following will be of use to ensure that your tree has the best possible start.

- Water in well and keep watering regularly for the first year until the plant has established. If you have purchased young plants, please grow into at least a 5 Litre container before planting permanently outside.
- Using a slow or controlled release fertilizer when planting will ensure that your plant is correctly fed and will grow at an optimum rate remembering to re-pot as necessary. John Innes or general multi- purpose compost will usually have sufficient food for the first 4-6 weeks, if no food is added.
- Cupressus will live outside all year round in a sheltered place and frost is not usually a problem. Continued cold winds are best avoided until established though.
- Please do not plant in a very exposed windy site.
- Cupressus will grow best in full sun or part-shade in any soil except very heavy clay and can be grown in pots if desired. It is essential they they are planted in very well drained soil as they are sensitive to root rot. Adding grit and compost to the planting hole will greatly assist this.
- Italian Cypress are evergreen and can reach great heights after many years whilst remaining very thin and upright. Pruning once or twice a year will keep the tree looking at its best.
- Please have a look at [www.easytropicals.com](http://www.easytropicals.com) for companion ideas & a general hardiness guide. If you have any questions please email for a prompt reply.

Many thanks for looking.