



## Dan's Dwarf Norway Spruce

*Picea abies 'Dan's Dwarf'*

Height: 15 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Norwegian Spruce

### Description:

This miniature evergreen shrub forms a small, light green mound of fine foliage, with a spiky texture, adaptable and hardy; grows less than an inch a year; excellent choice for rock gardens and detail use in a composition

### Ornamental Features

Dan's Dwarf Norway Spruce is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. It has light green evergreen foliage. The tiny needles remain light green throughout the winter.

### Landscape Attributes

Dan's Dwarf Norway Spruce is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Dan's Dwarf Norway Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### Planting & Growing

Dan's Dwarf Norway Spruce will grow to be about 15 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.



*Dan's Dwarf Norway Spruce*  
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This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Dan's Dwarf Norway Spruce makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing the canvas against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.