Lemon Cypress

‘Wilma Goldcrest’

The lemon cypress brings cheerful color and soft texture to any setting. Its golden foliage stands out beautifully against darker greens in the landscape, and its vertical form adds structure without bulk. This evergreen conifer is beloved for its chartreuse-yellow foliage and naturally narrow, upright form. When brushed or warmed by the sun, its soft, feathery leaves release a delightful lemony scent, making it as aromatic as it is eye-catching.

Growth & Hardiness

Evergreen- enjoy year-round interest

Grows 3–5 ft tall in containers, up to 10 ft in the ground

Hardy in USDA Zones 7–10

Plant in full sun to part shade

Caring for Your Lemon Cypress

To care for your Lemon Cypress plant it in well-draining, slightly acidic to neutral soil, and avoid heavy, waterlogged ground.

During the first season, water regularly to help roots develop, but once established, the plant becomes more tolerant of dry spells. Occasional deep watering during prolonged heat spells encourages vitality without overhydrating.

Fertilizer isn’t always required — a light application of balanced, slow-release fertilizer in early spring is often enough to maintain healthy growth.

Because the plant grows slowly and retains its neat form naturally, pruning is minimal; simply trim for shape if needed, and remove any dead or broken foliage to keep it looking fresh.

Collectively, these care practices support a Lemon Cypress that glows with color, structure, and character in any garden or container display.