

Plants for Privacy Screens

Evergreens

Arborvitae
Boxwood—Clipped formal hedges
Juniper
Pines
Spruces
Yew—Clipped formal hedges

Deciduous Trees & Shrubs

Buckthorn
Burning Bush
Crabapples
Forsythia
Hornbeam
Lilac
Ninebark
Serviceberry
Viburnum
Willow

Grasses

Hardy Pampas Grass
Maiden Grass—many sizes
Reed Grass
Switch Grass

Vines (with trellises)

Boston Ivy
Clematis
Honeysuckle
Trumpet Vine
Wisteria

How do I screen for privacy?

Using a wall of evergreens is a simple way to block the view in your yard, but it can also be a boring and unattractive solution to the screening problem.

There are formal and informal ways to provide privacy with plants. Often clipped hedges and evenly spaced rows of trees or shrubs make a formal statement; while evergreens inter-planted with deciduous plants, grasses and perennials are informal.

Selecting a single type of plant for your screen is also an invitation to pests and disease that might cause the loss of your privacy when least expected.