

NORWAY SPRUCE

Picea abies

This large evergreen coniferous tree is native to Europe and grows to over 100' tall. It is readily identified by its dark green drooping foliage. If grown in the open, the lower branches remain living and persist, thus forming cover habitat for wildlife. Norway Spruce has the longest cones of all the spruces with lengths up to 7". Norway Spruce have been planted widely in Pennsylvania in plantations. It is used in forestry to make lumber and paper. In urban areas, Norway Spruce is used as an ornamental tree in parks and gardens. The tree should be planted in full or partial shade that is moist, acidic, and well drained. It grows rapidly.



In 2006, one Norway Spruce was planted at the top of the hill near the 12th St. side of the cemetery facing Market St. as part of the Arbor Day tree program. There are other mature Norway Spruce on the east side of Mt. Laurel Ave. between the chapel and 12th St. and between Mt. Laurel and Trinity Aves. One Norway Spruce is by 16th Street; three are down the hill from the chapel between Mt. Laurel Ave. and Trinity Ave. behind a white wooden bench; and one is on the south-western side of the chapel. The drooping twigs give the tree an appearance of being draped with hanging tinsel.

