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Evergreen Tree Seedlings Sale Begins Spring Planting Season

Believe it or not, now while the ground is frozen, barren and covered with snow is the time to think about spring planting! Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's "Spring Seedling Sale" will help you get started by offering 10 varieties of evergreen seedlings for purchase just in time for the spring planting season. But you have to order now! These seedlings are perfect to plant to create hedges for privacy or shade, or to provide screening or windbreaks. This year's featured tree (and a new offering) is the *Austrian Pine*, a long-needle evergreen that's heat tolerant and adaptable to poor soil. Many ornamental and decorative evergreens are also available. Planting seedlings can help with reforestation and prevent soil erosion. Purchasing trees help to maintain the environment while beautifying the landscape. The ten varieties are:

- ♦ Austrian Pine ♦ Concolor Fir ♦ Douglas Fir ♦ Fraser Fir
- ♦ Mugho Pine ♦ Northern White Pine ♦ Scotch Pine
- ♦ Colorado Blue Spruce ♦ Norway Spruce ♦ Canadian Hemlocks

All seedlings are bareroot, not balled stock with sizes range from 6" to 20." Trees are bundled in quantities of 10. Discounts are available for orders of 50 or 100. Pickup dates are April 21st & 22nd at the Ulster County Fairgrounds, Libertyville Rd, in New Paltz from 10 am to 4 pm or April 23rd from 10 am to 4 pm & 24th from 9 am to noon at the Ulster County Highway Garage, 66 Hurley Avenue, Kingston.

AND FOR THE FIRST TIME...thornless, winter hardy blackberries can be purchased. These plants produce large, late season berries with mild flavor that won't soften or leak color on hot, sunny days. New varieties of yellow and red raspberry seedlings (with earlier harvest times), strawberry, and blueberry seedlings are also available. Orders must be placed by Friday, March 5, 2004. Forms are available on-line at www.cce.cornell.edu/ulster or by calling Barbara in Agriculture, 845-340-3990.

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