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Olive:

General info: Olive trees (*Olea europaea*) are native to the Mediterranean region. They have attractive semi-evergreen leaves and can grow to be 8-10' tall. The leaves are grayish-green with a silvery underside.

Landscape uses: Specimen/accent tree; container tree.

Ornamental qualities: Attractive evergreen.

Planting: Prefers full sun and well drained soil.

Pruning: Olive trees are not the best postured trees and benefit from staking or trellising. If trellising is not desired, they will need to be more heavily pruned at a young age to enhance the caliper in order to support the tree. They do benefit from light pruning to promote bushing.

Fertilizing/Watering: Fertilize once in the spring and again in mid-summer. Olives do not like wet feet, but do need water every few days during times of drought in the summer until established. Once they are well established, they are extremely drought tolerant. However, they will still benefit from watering once a week during times of hot droughts.

Varieties:

Arbequina: Weeping form, self-fertile, green leaves with a dark appearance. Small, flavorful, black fruit ripen mid fall. Naturally compact.