

Small-Yard Privacy Placement Sheet

Calculate screen heights, angle shade sails, and arrange layered planting.

Transform your small patio into a secluded retreat. Use these exact measurements to block overlooking windows and create a lush boundary.

● Key Placement Measurements

3 ft

Distance screen hugs the sofa

6 ft

Standard structure blocks steep sightlines

1/2 in

Slat gaps for cooling airflow

24-hour

Pump rating; fountain masks voices

Zigzag the arborvitae

Plant a staggered double row. Zigzagging the root balls creates a solid visual block much faster than a single straight line, overlapping foliage immediately to prevent vertical gaps.



● Shade Sail Tilt Guide

Find your row: **Window & Distance**

Window & Distance	Your pick	Why
12ft high, 10ft away	High 9ft, Low 7ft	High corner faces them
15ft high, 12ft away	High 10ft, Low 7.5ft	Blocks downward sightline
18ft high, 15ft away	High 11ft, Low 8ft	Allows hot air escape
20ft high, 18ft away	High 12ft, Low 8.5ft	Keeps natural daylight
22ft high, 20ft away	High 13ft, Low 9ft	Acts as overhead blinder
25ft high, 25ft away	High 14ft, Low 9.5ft	Cuts steep angles

● Evergreen Spacing Guide

Find your row: **Tree Variety**

Tree Variety	Your pick	Why
Emerald Green	3 to 4 ft wide	Tight urban property lines
Spartan Juniper	Around 5 ft wide	Handles intense afternoon heat
Green Giant	Up to 15 ft wide	Impenetrable, towering screen

● Check Before You Build

- ☐ Measure distance from patio sofa center to neighbor's exterior wall.
- ☐ Check patio elevation drop using a string line and level.
- ☐ Verify maximum allowable height codes for unattached privacy structures.
- ☐ Position primary seating to face away from the most intrusive neighbor.
- ☐ Check packaging for a continuous operation rating for your fountain.
- ☐ Pre-drill cedar board ends to prevent splitting.

● Patio Measurements & Notes

Enjoy your beautifully secluded outdoor living space!