Common Name: Italian Stone Pine
Latin Name: Pinus pinea
Tree Size: Large
Mature Height: 35 to 65 feet
Leaf Type: Evergreen
Growth Rate: Moderate
Soil Needs: Prefers well-drained sites; tolerates all textures
Tolerances: Drought, salty soil
Attributes: Fruit eaten by wildlife
Features: Rounded shape; dense crown
Comments: Edible pine 'nuts'
Problems: Susceptible to ice damage

PLANTING A TREE
Determine how tall and how wide the tree will be when it is fully grown. Then plant it where it will not come within 10 feet of power lines or other utility equipment.

Coming in contact with an underground electric line can ALSO be life-threatening. So whether you want to plant a tree or dig a trench, you must Call Before You Dig to 8-1-1 a minimum of 48-hours prior to any digging projects.

NEC strongly encourages anyone planning to plant a tree to also keep energy efficiency in mind. Plant deciduous trees that will shield your home from sun in the hot summer months, but allow the sun to help warm your home in the winter.

TRIMMING A TREE
Before trimming a tree, check carefully for nearby power lines that may interfere. If you find one, contact your local electric utility before you proceed. Touching a power line with a tool or tree branch can cause a shock or start a fire.

Only licensed, qualified tree trimmers are allowed to work near high-voltage lines. Don't risk it yourself!
Evergreen Seedling Planting Procedures

Dig a hole large enough to insert the roots without bending or crowding. The hole should be 2 - 4 inches deeper than the root length.

Remove one seedling at a time from its container and plant it. Position the seedling in the hole with the top of the soil at or slightly above ground level.

Fill the hole halfway with top soil and add water to settle soil around the roots.

Fill the rest of the hole and firm the soil around the seedling with foot, adding more soil if needed.

Form a sturdy ridge of soil around the seedling large enough to catch and hold 2 gallons of water.

Seedling Handling Procedures

- Plant seedlings as soon as possible after receiving them (two weeks maximum)
- Prior to planting:
  - Keep seedlings shaded and cool
  - Water three times per week
  - Do not allow to freeze
- DO NOT plant under dry, windy, or hot conditions or during periods of prolonged freezing
- Remove container from one seedling at a time as it is planted
- DO NOT expose roots to harsh sun or wind (30 seconds maximum)
- Water each seedling immediately after it is planted
- Continue to water at a rate of 8 - 10 gallons per week for the first one to two years