



Q: I've noticed that the interior growth in many of my evergreens is turning brown, should I be concerned?

A: No, sounds like the changes of fall to me. Even evergreens must shed their foliage periodically to maintain their crowns. Why do the inner needles drop? They are the oldest, and their location in the crown makes them least able to absorb the sun's rays. The foliage of white pine and arborvitae turn a beautiful golden color before they turn brown and drop. A group of white pine in the seasonal attire can be quite resplendent. Hemlock, however, is not particularly striking, and yew barely seems to lose a needle at this time of year. Boulevard Cypress, a medium sized tree often planted for its bright blue foliage, maintains a constant interior crown of brown foliage when it matures. If you're not expecting this, it can be a most unwelcome surprise. It is a different situation however, when the foliage on an evergreen turns a bright orange either throughout the entire limb or on the ends of the limbs - it is probably not the work of the season and may be a cause for concern. In those cases, give me a call and I'll evaluate your situation.

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