Evergreen Magnolias are renowned for their handsome glossy green foliage and regal flowers that add elegance to any garden. The flowers will reward you with a gorgeous fragrance and are a magnificent site to behold in late winter.

**USES:**
Evergreen magnolias are a popular go-to screening plant due to their handsome glossy green foliage which can make a garden space appear lush. Once established, the hedge can be shaped to make a formal garden look truly elegant. Also effective as a feature tree on its own.

**PLANTING TIPS:**
Add organic matter such as manure or compost when planting and mulch well as they have many fibrous roots that lay close to the soils surface. For this reason, roots are best left undisturbed so avoid planting shrubs over the root ball.

**SOIL TYPE:**
Plant in fertile well drained, slightly acidic soil.

**ASPECT:**
Magnolias are best planted where they are not exposed to high wind that will destroy their flowers and burn their leaves. A sunny spot is ideal. If planted in part shade they will produce less flowers. Some varieties are more frost tender than others, so these cultivars should be planted in a more protected position.

**PRUNING:**
Evergreen magnolias can be pruned just before spring, mid spring or after flowering depending on the variety.

**WATER:**
Magnolias require a bit of extra watering particularly on hot windy days. They are generally quite hardy once established.

**FEEDING:**
Fertilise in spring with a good slow release fertiliser.

**PESTS & PROBLEMS:**
- **Leaf Spot** – Can be bacterial or fungal. Using a fungicide will help control the spread and removed dead leaves from under the tree.
- **Slugs & Snails** – Apply snail bait around the base to protect new growth.
- **Verticillium Wilt** – Symptoms may appear as faded or browning foliage, wilted leaves or dying branches that spreads from one side of the tree to the other. Remove dead branches to prevent the spread.
- **Leaf burn** – May be iron deficiencies in alkaline soils

**Little Gem Magnolia - Magnolia grandiflora Little Gem**

One of the most popular magnolias, used for both feature and screening planting.

- **Height:** 6m  
- **Width:** 3m
- **Form:** Conical in shape  
- **Foliage:** Large leathery like leaves that are shiny dark green on top and a furry brown underside.  
- **Flowers:** Sensational large open white flowers in spring and summer. Scented.

**Kay Parris Magnolia – Magnolia grandiflora Kay Parris**

A beautiful feature tree in either a small or large garden. Will grow faster than a ‘Little Gem’. New growth is bright pink.

- **Height:** 4m  
- **Width:** 3m
- **Form:** Conical shape, can be pruned to shape.  
- **Foliage:** Large slender glossy green leaves with a brown furry underside. Leaves have a slight undulating margin.  
- **Flowers:** Large showy white flowers that are highly fragrant and on display from December to April.

**Southern Magnolia- Magnolia grandiflora Exmouth**

A medium sized compact tree for parks and gardens. Great for pleaching as it has a longer trunk at the base and a dense canopy of foliage at the top. Will tolerate part shade.

- **Height:** 8m  
- **Width:** 3m
- **Form:** Upright, & conical.  
- **Foliage:** Medium sized glossy green leaves with a rust coloured underside.  
- **Flowers:** Large fragrant creamy white blooms that appear in summer.

**Teddy Bear Magnolia - Magnolia grandiflora Teddy Bear**

A fantastic tree for small spaces due to its compact size. Can be used as either a feature tree on its own or planted as a dense hedge. Also looks great as a set in large feature pots.

- **Height:** 3m  
- **Width:** 1.5m
- **Form:** Cylinder shape growing broader at the base with maturity.  
- **Foliage:** Round bright green glossy leaves with a brown leathery underside.  
- **Flowers:** Large fragrant white flowers appearing from November to May.