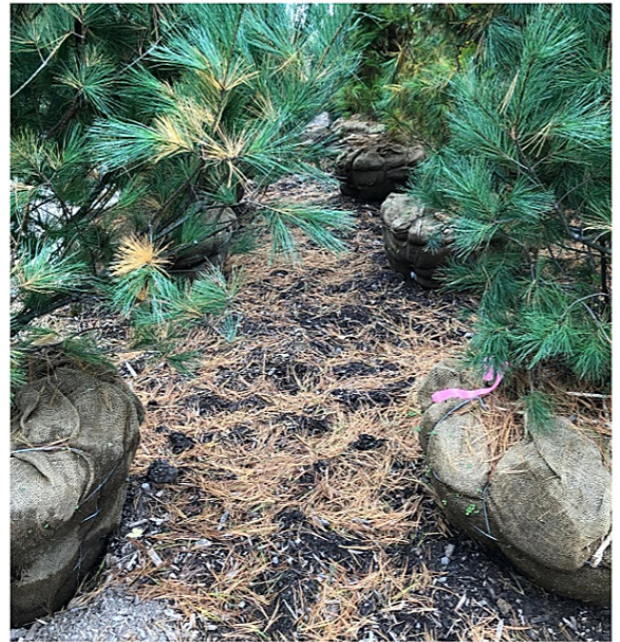




## Natural Needle Drop



Every year, beginning in mid to late summer and heading into the fall, *Pinus strobus* (White Pine), *Thuja occidentalis* (White Cedar) and other varieties of *Thuja occidentalis* experience a naturally occurring needle/foliar drop.

This is part of the plant's life cycle and is not indicative of a plant health problem. Typically seen on the interior branches of the plant, needles or foliage will begin to turn bronze-brown and fall. A form of rejuvenation and regrowth, up to a third of the needles or foliage may drop.

To see nature at work, enjoy a walk in pine forests and you will experience this occurrence underfoot when the forest floor becomes blanketed in a soft layer of pine needles!

