

A common problem with yews in the spring is the yellowing of needles on the plant. This causes great concern with homeowners.

This needle yellowing is a natural needle dropping process that occurs in yews each spring or early summer. The yew usually drops third year needles unless stressed.

It is not uncommon in tight clay soil for a yew to exhibit prominent yellow needles in the spring. The homeowner should be patient and these needles will drop and the plant will look normal again.