

Winter Canceled at Sochi's Olympic Village (Video)

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An Olimpstroy representative explains the process of bringing plants to Sochi from Italy and readying the village for athletes.

When most people think of the Winter Olympics they picture the color white: Icy bobsled tracks, snow-covered mountains and freshly zambonied hockey rinks.

But the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics may be greener than usual, as Russia plans 240,000 square meters of plant life for the Olympic Village.

Thirty-thousand trees and shrubs will be planted around the complex, along with 100,000 flowers and vines, BlogSochi reported.

Evergreen trees and plants that will be in full bloom during the Olympics in February are being selected, including bamboo, fir trees, azaleas and climbing vines.

Builders hope the 1,700 apartment village, which will also feature 100,000 square meters of decorative pavement, will call to mind a Mediterranean town, Itar-Tass reported.

Sochi is located in a subtropical climate zone and the average high temperature for February is 10 degrees Celsius.

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