



Japanese Maple (*Acer palmatum*) Seedling Planting & Care Instructions

Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Plant where there is morning sun and dappled or afternoon shade.❖ Full sun can cause scorched leaves on young trees.❖ This will occur less as the tree ages.❖ Young maples need protection from strong winds.
Soil	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Use well-drained, consistently moist soil, not excessively wet or dry.❖ Avoid heavy clay soils as the roots need to be able to breathe.
USDA plant hardiness zones	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Zones 5-8
Watering	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Japanese maple care is easy.❖ Make sure you water the tree enough by applying water to the root area slowly so it can be absorbed and stop when the water begins to run off. You can add a layer of mulch to help the soil retain moisture and slow the growth of weeds.❖ Make sure you don't mulch all the way to the trunk or you could cause rot.
Pruning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Late winter is the best time to do any major pruning, before the leaf buds begin to open.❖ You can make small cuts any time of the year.

These are basic care guidelines to get you started. There are many fine books and other resources available to help you take care of your tree as it matures. Feel free to reach out to me directly if you have questions. I hope you enjoy your new tree!

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