

GIVE YOUR MAPLES A GOOD START

- Plant & water in well as soon as possible.
- Stake for a year or two.
- Feed (liquid food is best) during entire growing period.
- Remove any growth from below grafts if it occurs.

Japanese maples are not as difficult to grow as some people think. The PH (alkalinity / acidity) of the soil is not critical as long as it is not extreme.

The soil needs to have reasonable drainage. If the drainage is not good (mainly clay) mix in compost material with the existing soil before planting and mounding up the ground a little.

If the soil is too open (sandy etc) and dries out too quickly, again mix in plenty of compost material before planting.

Protection from severe hot sun and winds is preferable. A position receiving sun until mid afternoon is good or a slightly sun filtered position. Too much shade will cause straggly growth and the red leaved varieties will get a greenish tinge.

Mulching is good. Watering in the 1st year is important. While the soil should not be allowed to dry out completely it should be allowed to get somewhat dry (do not overwater).

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