

## CARING FOR YOUR JAPANESE MAPLE

## How do I plant my tree?

1. Dig a hole at least 50% wider than the root ball and not quite as deep.

2. Mix the dirt you removed with pine bark mulch or landscaper's mix. Your goal should be to create a welldraining, loose soil for the roots to grow into.

3. Add a few inches of the soil mixture to the hole and set the root ball in the center. Fill in the remaining space with the mixed soil. The root flare

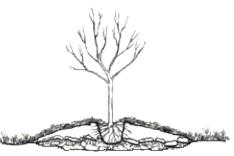


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on the tree should be 3-5 inches above grade, with the soil mixture creating a mound gradually sloping down from the trunk.

## What about fertilizer?

We recommend feeding only once per year in early spring with a balanced slow-release fertilizer (like Osmocote®) at half the rate indicated on the package.

## What about water?

Water requirements vary depending on location, light, soil type, temperature, etc. Your goal should be to keep the roots in damp, but well-draining soil that has consistent moisture content similar to a wrung-out dish sponge.

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