



Ever Red Lace-Leaf Japanese Maple

Acer palmatum 'Ever Red'

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Group/Class: Dissectum

Description:

Dazzling leaves are very finely dissected for a fine ferny texture; burgundy color during summer; elegant vase shaped habit is highly ornamental; the perfect shape, habit, and fall color in a garden accent

Ornamental Features

Ever Red Lace-Leaf Japanese Maple has attractive burgundy foliage which emerges crimson in spring. The small deeply cut ferny palmate leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding crimson in the fall. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Ever Red Lace-Leaf Japanese Maple is a dense deciduous tree with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and should only be pruned in summer after the leaves have fully developed, as it may 'bleed' sap if pruned in late winter or early spring. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Ever Red Lace-Leaf Japanese Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Ever Red Lace-Leaf Japanese Maple foliage

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Planting & Growing

Ever Red Lace-Leaf Japanese Maple will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Ever Red Lace-Leaf Japanese Maple is a fine choice for the yard, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.