

# PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR RED/SCARLET/SWAMP MAPLE

(ACER RUBRUM)

## RED MAPLE FACTS:

Red Maple naturally occurs in swamps, wetlands, and along the shorelines of freshwater creeks, rivers and lakes throughout all of Florida, with the exception of Miami-Dade County and the Florida Keys portion of Monroe County. If planted in dry locations, water during drought. Its seeds are attractive to birds. Red Maple is a great shade tree, but is not salt tolerant. In drier locations, Red Maple leaves may scorch. Additionally, this tree may experience insect and twig disorders, though these infestations rarely lead to long-term damage.

## HOW TO PLANT:

Start by selecting a location that receives full sun or partial shade and has moist, well-draining soil. Dig a hole slightly larger than the tree's root ball and gently place the tree inside, ensuring it sits level with the surrounding soil. Fill the hole with soil, pressing firmly to remove any air pockets. Water the newly planted tree thoroughly with approximately 1 to 2 inches of water, depending on the size of the tree and the soil's moisture level. This helps settle the soil and provides essential hydration to the roots. Adding a layer of mulch around the base of the tree can help retain moisture and suppress weed growth. Be sure to monitor the tree regularly and water as needed.

