Bonfire Sugar Maple

Acer saccharum 'Bonfire'



Bonfire Sugar Maple in fall
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Height: 50 feet

Spread: 35 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Hard Maple, Rock Maple

Description:

A stunning shade or accent tree with a consistent mix of deep orange and red fall colors, a strong grower for larger yards; adaptable to various soils, but dislikes air pollution and compaction

Ornamental Features

Bonfire Sugar Maple has rich green deciduous foliage on a tree with an oval habit of growth. The lobed leaves turn outstanding shades of orange and crimson in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Bonfire Sugar Maple is a dense deciduous tree with a shapely oval form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

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.

Bonfire Sugar Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



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Planting & Growing

Bonfire Sugar Maple will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 35 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 80 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. 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. This is a selection of a native North American species.



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