Final Fire® Maple

Acer 'IslFinFi'



Final Fire Maple in fall
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Group/Class: Pacific Rim Collection

Description:

A stunning landscape accent tree featuring emerging foliage in pastel tones of yellow and pink, then green in summer; orange hints progress to a dazzling fire engine red in fall; a sturdy, well branched tree that broadens with maturity



Final Fire Maple foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Final Fire Maple is primarily valued in the landscape for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has attractive green foliage with hints of orange which emerges coral-pink in spring. The lobed palmate leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of orange, burgundy and crimson in the fall. It produces red samaras from early to mid fall. The rough gray bark and red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Final Fire Maple is an open deciduous tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

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.

Final Fire Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- Accent
- Shade
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Final Fire Maple will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet 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 80 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.