



## Maple, (Sugar) Belle Tower

*Acer saccharum 'Reba'*

Height: 45 feet

Spread: 18 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Hard Maple, Rock Maple

### Description:

A compact, narrow oval growth habit, extraordinary burnt orange-yellow fall colors; shapely and neat, a fine specimen tree for the smaller landscape; adaptable to soils, but dislikes air pollution and compaction; adapted to heat and humidity

### Ornamental Features

Maple, (Sugar) Belle Tower is primarily valued in the landscape for its decidedly oval form. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The lobed leaves turn outstanding shades of yellow, orange and red in the fall.

### Landscape Attributes

Maple, (Sugar) Belle Tower 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Maple, (Sugar) Belle Tower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening



*Maple, (Sugar) Belle Tower*  
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*Maple, (Sugar) Belle Tower in fall*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Maple, (Sugar) Belle Tower will grow to be about 45 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 6 feet from 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 slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 100 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

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. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. 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.