



Maple, (Hedge) Metro Gold

Acer campestre 'Panacek'

Height: 35 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: Field Maple

Description:

A very adaptable small to medium tree that is well suited for public urban settings as well as a residential accent; excellent as a shade tree in narrow areas; produces fewer seeds than typical, and has improved bright yellow fall color

Ornamental Features

Maple, (Hedge) Metro Gold has dark green deciduous foliage on a tree with an oval habit of growth. The lobed leaves turn an outstanding yellow in the fall. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up.

Landscape Attributes

Maple, (Hedge) Metro Gold 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, (Hedge) Metro Gold is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Hedges/Screening



Maple, (Hedge) Metro Gold
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Maple, (Hedge) Metro Gold flowers
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Planting & Growing

Maple, (Hedge) Metro Gold will grow to be about 35 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 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 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. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Special Attributes

Varieties of hedge maples (*Acer campestre*) are not toxic to humans or pets. They have a corky bark, the flowers are insignificant before leaves, and it does have a few Samara (Seeds), that are double winged about 1 1/4 inches long.