



Maple, (Red) Armstrong Gold

Acer rubrum 'JFS-KW78'

Height: 40 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A narrow, tightly fastigate ornamental tree with great form; medium green foliage gives way to fall colors ranging from golden to orange; a great accent or street tree for smaller, confined spaces

Ornamental Features

Maple, (Red) Armstrong Gold is primarily valued in the landscape for its rigidly columnar form. It has attractive green deciduous foliage. The lobed palmate leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding orange in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Maple, (Red) Armstrong Gold is a deciduous tree with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. 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, (Red) Armstrong Gold is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening



Maple, (Red) Armstrong Gold
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Maple, (Red) Armstrong Gold in fall
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Planting & Growing

Maple, (Red) Armstrong Gold will grow to be about 40 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 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 60 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Special Attributes

Rubrum (Red) Maples generally have few to no seeds in the Pacific Northwest Desert with proper watering through the growing season. If it seeds the samaras, commonly known as helicopters for their winged shape. The size of seeds are 1 to 1 1/2 inches long.



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