



Firefall Maple

Acer x freemanii 'Firefall'

Height: 45 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A silver maple/red maple hybrid with an upright growth habit; a good shade tree for smaller properties, more tolerant of adverse conditions than red maple and an impressive color display starting in the early fall

Ornamental Features

Firefall Maple has green foliage throughout the season. The lobed leaves turn outstanding shades of orange and in the fall. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant. The furrowed gray bark and brick red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Firefall Maple is a 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.

Firefall Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent



Firefall Maple
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Firefall Maple foliage
Photo courtesy of University of Minnesota



Planting & Growing

Firefall Maple will grow to be about 45 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 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 fast 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 is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Growing Place Choice Plants

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