

# How to... look after your Acer

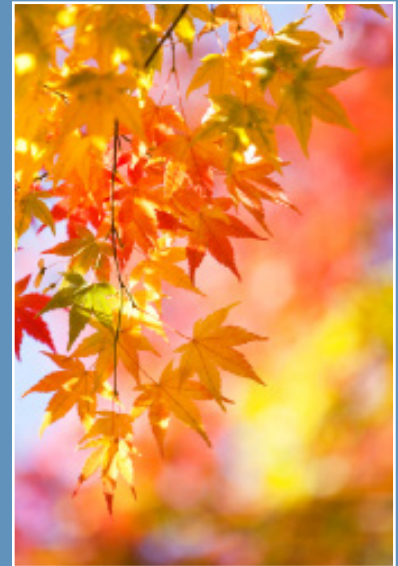
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This is our advice on how to look after an Acer - the Pacific way!  
Follow our hints and tips and you'll enjoy these stunning trees for many years to come.

- 1 Acers can be planted in the ground or pots
- 2 If planting in pots use a mix of John Innes No3 and ericaceous compost for the most effective combination
- 3 Plant in acid to neutral soil - perfect for this region
- 4 Do not overwater and feed with Vitax Acer Feed for best results.
- 5 Once planted, Acers quickly take up any available nutrients, which then travel to the leaf tips and can lead to scorch (although they will recover after 1-2 years). It is a common misconception that scorch is caused by sun or wind. To avoid scorch, don't overwater.
- 6 A semi-shaded spot is ideal but Acers also thrive in sun or shade.  
Note: We have Acers performing well in our gardens that are planted in full sun on an exposed site - come and see for yourself.
- 7 Prune to shape, if required, in early Spring, just after the leaves have opened.
- 8 Look out for Greenfly in the early season. They are attracted to the sap at the stem/leaf joint and easily controlled by using Bug Clear.

Just a few of the varieties of Acer available at Pacific  
(A = Acer; pal = Palmatum)

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| <b>A. pal Dissectum</b>         | <b>A. pal. Shindeshojo</b>     |
| <b>A. pal. Dissectum Garnet</b> | <b>A. pal. Burgunudy Lace</b>  |
| <b>A. pal. Orange Dream</b>     | <b>A. pal. Katsura</b>         |
| <b>A. pal. Osakazuki</b>        | <b>A. pal. Ornatum</b>         |
| <b>A. pal. Sangukaku</b>        | <b>A. pal. Oridono Nishiki</b> |
| <b>A. pal. Bloodgood</b>        | <b>A. pal. Taylor</b>          |
| <b>A. pal. Atropurpureum</b>    | <b>A. pal. Shiraz</b>          |
| <b>A. pal. Deshojo</b>          | <b>A. pal. Butterfly</b>       |
|                                 | <b>A. shirasawanum Jordan</b>  |



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