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Post a photo of your mini-garden and tag us @nitobegarden
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Nitobe Memorial Garden

HANDBOOK FOR JAPANESE MAPLE OWNERS



UBC Botanical Garden

HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR MINI JAPANESE GARDEN

Japanese maples like to be in half-shade. So you can put them under a tree or near a building.



Place your Japanese maple outside if you can. If not, you can keep it inside, but make sure it is not too warm inside and take it outside sometimes because plants love fresh air and the sun, just like us!



From spring to autumn, water them once or twice a week. In the summer, water them every other day. You can decide if you need to water more by lifting the pot up. If it feels light, that means it needs watering.



For mosses, mist them using water spray. For maples, wet the soil around the edge of the pot. You don't want to wet the leaves, wet the soil instead.



If your Japanese maple grows big in a few years, you can transplant it into a bigger pot or plant them outside! Avoid transplanting when it's freezing cold or melting hot as it can be stressful for plants.



If you have any questions, feel free to come ask staff at Nitobe Garden or contact us at garden.programs@ubc.ca

CONGRATULATIONS!



Now you are the proud owner of the one and only mini Japanese garden! This handout will help you through the journey of growing your Japanese maples and mosses.

GET TO KNOW YOUR PLANT

- Common name: Japanese maple
- Scientific name: *Acer palmatum*
- *Acer* means "sharp" and *palmatum* means "hand-like"



- Japanese maples will change the colours of their leaves to red, orange, or yellow in autumn. Stay tuned for the beautiful fall colours!
- Japanese maples are deciduous, meaning they lose their leaves around November, but don't worry! They are not dead. They are preparing for new growth.



Did you know that UBC Botanical Garden's collection of maples is ranked second in the world for conservation importance? Come to UBC Botanical Garden and explore the great diversity of maples!