

AUTUMN BLAZE MAPLE

Acer X Freemanii

Mature Height: 35 - 40 Feet Tall

Fall Color: Deep and Bright Red

Leaf Type: Deciduous

Tree Description:

The Autumn Blaze Maple is a cross between the Silver Maple and Red Maple, therefore their best qualities are combined to create a tough, fast growing maple that's full of benefits.

Growing 2'-3' each year, it will ascend to a height of 50' with a 30' wide canopy. In fact, the Autumn Blaze Maple outgrows any other tree in the maple family. Virtually "no need pruning" makes this one of the most ideal shade trees as its shape will remain constant with little or no maintenance.

Its strength and resistance to high winds and ice damage make it the perfect shade tree for both urban and suburban neighborhoods. It is resistant to bugs, invasive diseases and car exhausts, and it doesn't drop seed pods.

Range/Site Description: Whether it's in a wet or dry environment, hard clay or sandy loam, this hybrid can withstand almost anything. As a combination of the silver and red maples, the Autumn Blaze Maple adapts to a variety of climates and soils, is fast-growing, and presents magnificent fall colors.

Leaf: The leaf veins are often red to reddish green, and most noticeable on the underside. In the fall Autumn Blaze® consistently develops brilliant, long-lasting orange-red color.

Bark: Its thin bark is easily damaged, so it's best not to use this tree in high pedestrian traffic areas. It can even be used in rain gardens (large ones), as it tolerates both wet and dry soils.

Interesting Facts: The Autumn Blaze Maple was the winner of the 2003 and 2004 Urban Tree of the Year award, for their tough, disease and insect resistant nature. Pests pose no threats to this maple.

