

# Japanese Maple Bonsai Quick-Care Checklist

A one-page survival-first checklist for daily bench use.

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## Daily checks

- Keep the tree outdoors in bright, airy conditions.
- Check the root zone every day during active growth and more than once on hot, windy days.
- Water deeply until the full rootball is saturated and draining freely.
- Watch leaves, bark, and shoot tips for scorch, pests, and weak growth.

## Protect the tree

- Give relief from harsh afternoon summer sun before leaves scorch.
- Protect shallow pots from severe winter cold while preserving dormancy.
- Do not stack heavy pruning, wiring, and repotting on a weak tree.

## Best timing

- Repot in early spring at bud swell.
- Feed development trees more actively than refined trees.
- Treat leaf reduction and hard refinement work as advanced, optional steps.