

Japanese Maple Bonsai Seasonal Calendar

Use bud stage first and month labels second.

Late winter

- Prepare pots, substrate, and wire.
- Study structure while the canopy is bare.
- Avoid major root work in deep freeze conditions.

Early spring

- Repot healthy trees as buds swell and begin to open.
- Restart light feeding and pest scouting.
- Protect tender growth from late frost.

Late spring and summer

- Control extension on refined trees.
- Increase watering checks in heat and wind.
- Watch for aphids, scale, scorch, and root stress.

Autumn and winter

- Taper feeding so growth hardens before winter.
- Make moderate structural decisions on strong trees.
- Protect dormant roots from severe cold and repeated freeze-thaw cycles.