



RED OAK

(*Quercus rubra*)



Soil Type: No preference

Moisture: Normal moisture

Drainage Requirements:
Excellent to good

Sun/Shade: Partial-full sun (likes at least 6 hours of direct sunlight)

Maximum Height:
50-75ft (15-22m)

Max Width/Spread:
45 ft (13m)

Growth Rate: 2 ft/year

Fruit: This tree produces acorns that blue jays love.

Human Edible Fruit?: No

Fun Fact: The Red Oak is the provincial tree of Prince Edward Island. Its acorns are a food source for various animals, so be prepared for additional critters! With a large, dense crown the red oak makes excellent shade tree and can be planted along streets or in parking lots thanks to its high tolerance of urban conditions. Planning for the future? The red oak will tolerate shade when it is young which makes it an excellent replacement tree to grow in the shade of an already established tree.

Space Requirements:
Minimum 10-20 sq feet.

Suitable For: This highly adaptive species is perfect for yards with difficult growing conditions.

Not Suitable For: Locations where overhead space is limited. Should be planted away from sidewalks as roots can heave sidewalks.

Pests/Problems:
Susceptible to "oak wilt".

Maintenance Level:
Minimal. Some pruning required during early growth.

Avg Lifespan: 300+ years.

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