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Estabrook's

NORWAY AND HYBRID MAPLE CARE

LIGHT

Norway maple cultivars and the Shantung/Norway hybrid Crimson Sunset grow in sun to partial shade. Give each cultivar adequate room for its mature canopy and shallow roots. These are shade trees rather than small Japanese maples; choose a location clear of overhead wires and close paving.

WATER

Water slowly through the root ball and surrounding soil after planting. Check moisture regularly and water deeply when needed, keeping the roots evenly moist during establishment. Adjust for rain, soil drainage, and weather instead of following a fixed daily schedule. Newly planted trees need attention before established trees show drought stress.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use moist, well-drained soil. Established Norway maples tolerate a range of conditions, but new trees still need consistent moisture and good drainage. Keep the root flare visible and mulch without touching the trunk. Avoid cutting surface roots or adding soil to grow lawn beneath the dense canopy.

FEEDING

Use a soil test to guide fertilizer and pH changes. Healthy trees may need no routine feeding. If nutrients are needed, apply a modest amount of tree fertilizer in spring at the label rate. Keep fertilizer off the trunk and avoid heavy nitrogen or late-season feeding that promotes tender growth.

SEASONAL CARE

Develop a sound framework while the tree is young. Remove dead, broken, rubbing, or poorly attached branches selectively, preserving the natural form. Avoid topping and large unnecessary cuts. Maples may drip sap from late-winter or early-spring cuts; schedule elective light pruning for summer after leaves have expanded. Use an arborist for large limbs.

HELPFUL TIPS

Norway maple can self-seed freely; remove unwanted seedlings before they establish, especially near natural areas. Crimson Sunset is a Shantung/Norway hybrid with its own mature size and hardiness. Purple or golden foliage may be a cultivar trait rather than a nutrient problem. Check soil and root conditions before treating leaf discoloration.