



PACHIRA AQUATICA PLANT • PACHIRA AQUATICA • MONEY TREE PLANT

The Pachira Aquatica (Money Tree plant) originally came from the wetlands in Central and South America and became very popular in Taiwan in the 1980's. Today, this plant is available throughout the world especially in the bonsai form. Pachira Aquatica usually has a central trunk made up of three, five, or seven stems that are often braided together. The top of the Money Tree has the "lucky" 5 lobed leaf arrangements. When small, a Money Tree can be trained as a bonsai or used as a table plant. As the plant matures, it makes an impressive tree often reaching a height of six feet or more. Other plants like Pothos and jade plants are sometimes referred to as Money plants, but the Pachira Aquatica is the variety used by the followers of Feng Shui. They believe that a Pachira Aquatica, when properly placed in a home or business, brings prosperity and good fortune.

CARE

LIGHT

A Money Tree plant grows best in medium to bright indirect light. This plant even does well under fluorescent lights.

WATER

Water well and then allow the top 1"- 2" of soil to dry out before watering again. A Pachira Aquatica requires less water during the winter months when resting. Be sure to use a container with bottom drip holes to prevent over- watering and root rot. It's important to water the soil evenly.

FERTILIZER

Feed a Money Tree monthly in the spring and summer when it is producing new leaves. Use a basic household plant food diluted to 1/2 the recommended strength. Fertilize every other month in the fall and winter when a Pachira Aquatica is actively growing.

TEMPERATURE

This plant prefers temperatures between 65-75°F

HUMIDITY

A Pachira Aquatica likes high humidity. If your home or office is dry, place the plant on a wet pebble tray to increase the humidity. Be sure the plant is sitting on the pebbles and not in the water.

PESTS

Pests and diseases are rarely a problem.

DISEASES

Be on the lookout for leaf spot, a fungal disease that causes leaf spots and other damage. The disease can be prevented by quickly removing any diseased leaves that fall off, watering well and then not watering again until the soil has dried out somewhat, and keeping the leaves dry. Household safe, commercial Fungicide sprays usually help to control the problem.

SOIL

Use a quick draining potting soil. If the soil is too heavy, add sand to the mix to help it drain faster.

POT SIZE

Keeping a Money Tree in a small pot controls its size and is essential when growing a Pachira Aquatica as a bonsai plant. If you want a taller and larger plant, repot as soon as the roots have filled the existing container.

PRUNING

Cut off a few of the larger leaves from the bottom of a Money Tree Plant each month to encourage new growth at the top.

Pinch back the growing tips at the ends of branches to keep the plant small.

PROPAGATION

The easiest ways to propagate a Pachira Aquatica are by stem cuttings and air layering.

RESTING PERIOD

Reduce the water and feed monthly while the plant is resting during the winter. Even though the plant is resting, you may still have to move it to a brighter spot as the winter sun moves to a different location in your home.

SPECIAL OCCASION

A Money Tree Plant is a popular house warming and new business gift since they are said to bring good luck and prosperity.