

BONSAI



THE ART OF DWARFED POTTED TREES

The origin of the term *bonsai*, pronounced *bone-sigh*, is derived from the Japanese term *bon* meaning *tray* and *sai* meaning *tree*. Thus, its literal translation means *tree in a tray*. It appears in Japanese writings in the year 1310, even though the practice of growing such trees originated before the eleventh century in China, when it was called *penjing*. Today when we use the term *bonsai* we mean *the ancient art of dwarfed, potted trees*.

Bonsai represents the artistic use of gardening techniques to develop a tree into a miniaturized version of its counterpart in nature.

Bonsai is not a specific type of tree; rather many types of trees go through the gardening process of bonsai.

BONSAI CARE

Bonsai Trees thrive for years with proper care. Most important is bright lighting and moist watering conditions.

Most bonsai prefer the outdoors with plenty of fresh air, light, and water. Bonsai will thrive indoors with bright lighting and proper watering.

There is a distinct balance between the amount of light a bonsai requires and the amount of water it requires. The more light a bonsai gets the more water it needs. The less light, the less water.

Depending on the amount of light and temperature of your environment, this may mean watering your tree to saturation daily. NEVER allow the soil to dry out. You will also want to spray or mist the foliage often.

If using a tray under your bonsai, make sure the tree does not sit in water by using pebbles on the tray to keep the pot above the water.

Most bonsai can withstand temperatures below freezing; however, we recommend that they be brought inside during severely cold weather and kept in a room near a window with good light.

PRUNING AND TRIMMING BONSAI

Pruning and trimming can be performed on your tree throughout the year. In the case of deciduous trees, such as maples and elms, pruning and trimming is best performed during the growing season. Juniper, pines, and cypress are finger-nipped throughout the growing season to keep the tree shaped. Trimming the under and inner growth is needed monthly.

FERTILIZING BONSAI

Use a good fertilizer designed for Bonsai. We recommend a mild 7-8-6 formula diluted by mixing 1/4 teaspoon of fertilizer to one gallon of water. Fertilize March to October and be careful not to over fertilize. Always follow the directions on the label of the fertilizer you are using!

REPOTTING BONSAI

Bonsai should be transplanted when the roots begin growing out the sides of the container. For most bonsai, this occurs about every two to three years. It is best to repot in the Spring.

1. Remove the tree from the container without disrupting the soil around the roots.
2. Carefully untangle the roots from the root-ball. Remove about one-third of the soil from around the root-ball. Do not disrupt the soil around the trunk of the tree.
3. Trim the roots with a pair of sharp scissors, leaving one-inch of the roots still extending beyond the root-ball.
4. Place a layer of pebbles in the bottom of the container to act as a drainage bed.
5. Place the tree back into the pot and fill the container with a good grade potting soil mixture designed for Bonsai and pack firmly to ensure that there are no air pockets around the roots.
6. Water the soil to saturation. Always water after packing the soil, not before.
7. Keep the tree in a bright location and continue to water as you did before repotting.
8. A vitamin mixture or a stronger dose of fertilizer is recommended when repotting.

BONSAI SUPPLIES

We carry a full selection of the supplies you will need as your tree grows. Items include clippers, training wire, soil, moss, and fertilizer. Please visit our website for all your bonsai supplies.

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