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Pachira Aquatica

Money Tree Plant

The Pachira aquatica commonly known as the Money Tree originally came from the wetlands in Central and South America. The tree has a central trunk made of three, five or more stems that are often braided together. The top of the Money Tree has the “lucky” 5 lobed leaf arrangement. As the plant matures, it makes an impressive tree often reaching a height of six feet or more. Some people believe that a Pachira aquatica plant, when properly placed in a home, brings prosperity and good fortune.

Light: A Money Tree requires medium to bright, indirect light. This plant will even do well under fluorescent lights.

Water: Money tree require a deep drink and then allow the top 1-2” of soil to dry out before watering again. Water a Pachira aquatica less during the Winter months because this is their resting period. Also, be sure to use a container with drip holes at the bottom to prevent over watering and root rot.



Fertilizing: Feed Monthly in the Spring and Summer when it is actively producing new leaves. Use a basic well-balanced household plant food at ½ the recommended strength. Fertilize a Pachira aquatica every other month in the Fall and Winter only if new leaves appear.

Tip: Pachira aquatica like high humidity. If your home is dry, place the Money Tree Plant on a wet pebble tray. Make sure the plant is sitting on the pebbles and not in the water.