



October Glory Maple

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About the October Glory Maple Tree

The October glory maple is one of the most popular ornamental trees to be planted in private yards, roadsides and parks, and with good reason. Its most distinguishing characteristic, its scarlet red autumn foliage, begins in early October, as the name suggests. The spectacular scarlet coloration persists for weeks, often after many neighboring species have already shed their leaves. Accompanying the striking foliage are clusters of shiny, bright red fruit that attract numerous bird species to your yard - a contrast to the usually drab brown keys most **maples** produce.

Don't think the splendor of this tree is limited to autumn – the October glory maple is a stunning specimen all year round. In winter, the softly-hued gray bark provide a welcome relief from the drab monotony of darker trees, and in springtime the October glory bursts with color as it blooms with countless tiny but vivid red flowers. During the summer, the lush, dark-green leaves provide a hint of the brilliance to come.

The crown of the October glory is roughly pyramidal when the tree is young, maturing to a moderately dense oval or circular shape at a height of 40 to 50 feet. The species may require some pruning, as the branches droop slightly and can obscure walking space if allowed to persist too close to the ground. Encourage the development of a single, upright leader and trim lateral branches near the bottom of the **crown**.

Concorde

Barberry's



Concord Barberry



Fall leaf colors

Berberis thunbergii 'Concorde'

Height: 24 inches Spread: 18 inches Sunlight: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

Dwarf globe shaped, growing into a small, velvety, compact, purple mound, ideal for color accent use in the garden or mass planting, even as edging; new growth is red, providing an interesting color contrast

Ornamental Attributes:

Concord Barberry has attractive deep purple foliage which emerges red in spring. The small oval leaves are ornamentally significant and turn an outstanding scarlet in the fall. It features tiny clusters of yellow flowers hanging below the branches in mid spring. The fruits are scarlet drupes displayed from early to late fall.

Landscape Attributes:

Concord Barberry is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect. This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration; - Spiny



It's a bug eat

Bug world

Ways to Get Rid of Stink Bugs

Though stink bugs are harmless to humans, the odor can cause allergic reactions like sneezing. Do not crush the insects, as the smell released is quite annoying and long lasting. Pesticides are used for relieving stink bug infestation in the garden plants and crops. For the protection of garden plants, you can spray mild pesticides during early spring. Following are the effective ways on how to get rid of stink bugs.

In order to prevent stink bugs entry in the house, you can seal the house and caulk cracks and openings (if any). Screens can be used for the doors and windows. Many people use vacuum cleaners for the effective sucking of stink bugs. Once inside the vacuum cleaner, they can be discarded far away places to avoid foul odor. As these bugs are attracted to the optimum light conditions, reducing outdoor lights will minimize the infestation. If possible, carefully spray insect repellent solution in the corners of the house during the fall season. For hard-to-reach areas and corners, the dusting treatment is used for controlling stink bugs.

An effective method of killing stink bugs is to use a nicotine water. For preparing nicotine water, you can shred half a packet of cigarettes in about half a gallon of lukewarm water. Allow the solution to stand for about 10-15 minutes. Then, filter the nicotine solution by using 2-3 layers of a cheese cloth. Take the filtrate and add a teaspoon of dish washing detergent. Stir the solution well and pour into a sprayer. Spraying this solution on the stink bugs will poison and kill them. In order to prevent the skin allergies, you can wear hand gloves while handling nicotine water.

If you are spraying nicotine solution or pesticides on vegetables and fruits, make sure that you thoroughly wash them before consumption. It is observed that several species of stink bugs are resistant to mild pesticides. Hence, proper identification of the bug is necessary for practicing the effective control measures. In case of infestation by stink bugs, it is always advisable to consult a professional entomologist in the early stages, so as to control the pest before causing serious damages.

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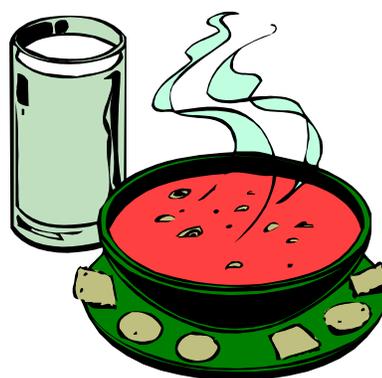
The Garden

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Garden fresh Tomato soup

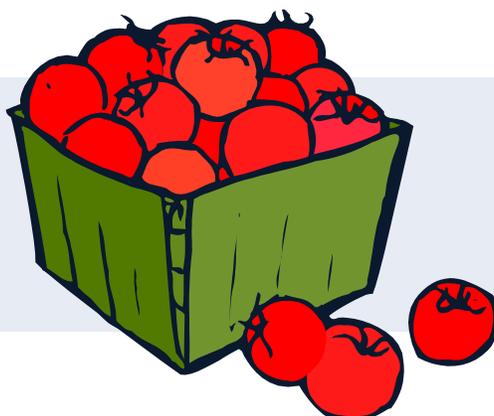
Ingredients

- 4 cups chopped fresh tomatoes
- 1 slice onion
- 4 whole cloves
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons white sugar, or to taste



Directions

1. In a stockpot, over medium heat, combine the tomatoes, onion, cloves and chicken broth. Bring to a boil, and gently boil for about 20 minutes to blend all of the flavors. Remove from heat and run the mixture through a food mill into a large bowl, or pan. Discard any stuff left over in the food mill.
2. In the now empty stockpot, melt the butter over medium heat. Stir in the flour to make a roux, cooking until the roux is a medium brown. Gradually whisk in a bit of the tomato mixture, so that no lumps form, then stir in the rest. Season with sugar and salt, and adjust to taste.



Whats Up? At the Garden Center



Green tip of the Month

You may wonder if there's a good reason to clean up other than aesthetics. The answer is yes. Keeping the garden clean is key to reducing insect and disease problems for next year.

Ensure a thorough cleaning job by employing these five chores:

1. Clean up perennial beds and borders.
2. Cut down dead flowers.
3. Dig up and remove diseased plants.
4. Clean up any leaves and stems.
5. If you have a vegetable garden, clean up any fruit and vegetables that have fallen.

Note: Any debris left in the garden over winter can cause diseases to enter the soil and appear in the spring.

After you clean up, and before you plant, it's time to amend (or feed) the soil; healthy soil makes healthy-plants and lots of flowers and fruit. The first step in soil preparation is to till the soil to loosen it up. This will get the weeds and weed seeds out now so that later it will be easier to keep the soil bed weed-free. It's also a good idea to till in the fall because it will dry out and warm up quicker in the spring letting you plant cool-season crops early.

Once the soil is tilled, make sure you feed it with lots of manure and compost so plant roots will grow well. Afterward, top it off with a good layer of mulch.

During the late fall you should also clean up your gardening tools. Have your shears, pruners, and mowers sharpened so you can beat the rush come spring. That way, your tools will be ready with the first burst of spring

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