

Tips for Success

Water: Water your plants immediately after taking them out of the box. Give them enough water so that the soil appears damp and water trickles out the bottom of the pot. Watering every couple weeks is generally sufficient for these plants. You may water more often during the summer months, especially if they are outside. And then cut back on water in the winter months.

Plants look Dry or Foliage appears Lackluster: Sometimes plants may appear dried out and wilted after the voyage. Do not despair. When this happens the foliage may look lackluster but the rootstock is still perfectly healthy and alive. To plump your plants back up, water them and wait 5 minutes and then water them again. This will generally rehydrate them. Keep these plants well-watered until you can re-plant them into larger containers or in the garden within the next week. If plants arrive dry, it is often because the roots have outgrown the small shipping pots and need more room to grow; roots tend to dry out quickly in small containers. Your plants are very much alive and when you transplant them into larger pots or the earth, they will start growing quickly! So, re-plant them as soon as possible. Remove any yellow or brown foliage by cutting at the base of the stem near the soil.

Pachira aquatica: The Braided Money Tree is one of the best 'trees' to grow inside the home. Creating a lovely canopy with unique foliage, this beauty looks good all year long. We braid these plants when they are young so that they grow into one another very well without any risk of unbraiding.

Large or Small?: Because it is a tree, these plants have the ability to grow quite large, but only if you want them too. You can maintain your plant in a small container forever and they will do just fine. But if you want a large plant, every year you can transplant your Braided Money Tree into a slightly larger pot, eventually reaching a 24" size container.

Refreshing the Foliage: If you notice your leaves are losing luster, you can cut the foliage back to refresh it. The best time to do so is between April and July. By doing so at this time, it will quickly regrow its foliage creating a thicker, lusher canopy very soon.



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PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Braided Money Tree
Pachira aquatica

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Annual and Tropical Plants

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Quick Reference

 **Plant Type:** Tropical

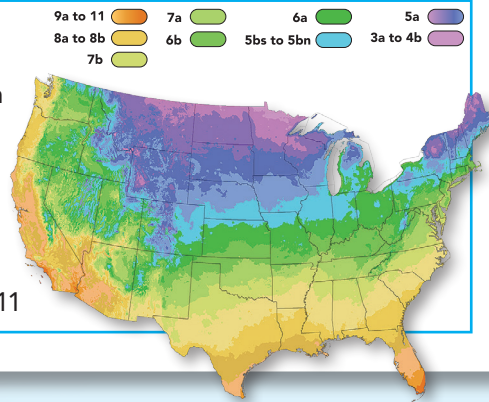
 **Light/Sun:** Full to Partial Sun

 **Mature Height:** 3-5'

 **Mature Spread:** 1-1.5'

 **Bloom Time:** n/a

 **USDA Hardiness Zones:** 10 to 11



Plant Caretaking

Upon Arrival: Please take plants out of the box immediately and remove any shipping materials from around the plants. Give them some water and place them in a warm sunny area for 1-2 days before replanting.

Planting Depth & Spacing: These are House Plants and should be planted in containers, unless you live where winter temperatures never dip below 55F. Dig a deep enough hole so that the entire plant easily fits into the hole and the top of the soil line of your plant is flush with the top of the soil in the hole you have dug. It is important that the soil line of your plant does not protrude above the soil line in the container.

Potted Plants: Make sure your container has holes to allow excess water to drain. Place one plant in a 6-12" container.

Soil Preparation: Any rich bagged potting mix for houseplants is fine. You may find special indoor plant potting mix, and that is also great, as long as the soil is new and drains well. P. aquatica is generally not fussy about soil.

Watering: It is important to make sure young plants do not experience long periods of dryness. They prefer to be given a chance to dry out between watering. Typically watering every other week is sufficient. However, the more light given, the more often they will need water.

Fertilizer: Use Roberta's Bounty a couple weeks after planting and then once or twice a month all year long.

Pet Considerations: Ensure your pets do not consume plants.

Indoors / Outdoors: These plants are great houseplants that can be grown inside year round. Inside the home, bright lighting is best. They will thrive on a south, west, or east facing windowsill. They can handle less lighting but will not grow as quickly. You may place your plants outside during the summer time as long as evening temperatures remain above 55F. This will encourage robust growth. Keep out of direct sunlight while outside.

Winter Care: These plants need to stay warm during the winter. If you placed your plants outside during the summer, bring them back indoors once nights start to dip towards 55F. Plants may go into dormancy during the winter causing some leaf loss, this is normal. You can use a single LED bulb about 12-18" away from the plant during the cold, dark months to encourage continued growth.

Planting Steps

Step 1 Remove plants from their box and take off other packing materials. Open your box outside or somewhere you don't mind getting messy, as some of the soil may have been shaken loose in transit.

Step 2 Check if your plant is thirsty. They probably need a nice drink of water after their voyage. If the plant feels light or the soil is dry to the touch, give your plants a watering.

Step 3 Allow your plants time to adjust to their new home before re-planting by placing them in a warm sunny window for 1-2 days.

Step 4 Pull away or cut off any yellow or brown leaves, or any old flowers – this is normal.

Step 5 Transplant into containers as soon as possible. Dig holes the width of the root ball and deep enough so that the original top of the soil is flush with the new soil line. Water the new soil before and after planting your plant. This will help the young roots stay hydrated. Once you've placed your plant in the hole, fill in the rest of the hole with extra potting mix, ensuring the entire root system is covered with soil.

