

Braided Money Bonsai Care from BonsaiOutlet.com

General Information:

A Braided Money Tree is a lovely and rare plant that can make an outstanding addition to any room in your home. This tree is composed of several trunks that wind around each other, it can reach heights anywhere from a foot tall or more. The bonsai version is around a foot tall, while the fuller sized trees can tower up to seven feet tall.

Plenty of lovely green foliage tops this plant, making for a package that is a decorator's dream come true. The bonsai style of this plant makes it an ideal addition to an indoor garden environment.

Taking care of any type of bonsai plant requires time and planning. By incorporating some simple tips, your Braided Money Tree will thrive for years. Growing one from a seedling requires expert knowledge, and will take years to grow to its maximum potential.

Watering:

With any bonsai plant, watering is crucial. Most bonsai like to have plenty of water, but proper water drainage is key. This is maintained by two very important factors: soil and the pot.

The soil should contain a mixture of earth and small gravel pebbles which lie in the pot with one or more drain holes. These holes need to be covered with mesh, to allow the water to flow freely but retain the soil. You can also add some river sand to the mixture, to create porous areas in the soil which aid in draining. Some bonsai even grow well in a mix of peat, vermiculite and perlite.

The Braided Money Tree prefers much less water than other plants - once a week is sufficient. Some do well on as little as a cup of water per month, but the amount varies with the pot size and soil composition. Misting the plant is also another recommendation. It helps the plant leaves get extra moisture and keeps them free of dust.

The soil in the pot should be allowed to dry completely out before another watering. There are several ways to realize if the amount of water is adequate. If the plant's leaves become droopy and yellow this is a sign of too much water. When the leaves are wrinkly and curled up, this means you are not watering it enough.

Location:

The Braided Money Tree requires a medium amount of sunlight. Indirect light is best, but a few hours in the direct sunshine if fine, making sure the area does not become overly hot. A corner that gets some sun and shade is the ideal location. Being a native of a wet, hot region, the plant will not fare well when temperatures drop. If you keep the plant outside on the porch, you need to remember to bring it inside when the temperatures drop below 50 degrees.

Fertilizing:

It is unnecessary to give the tree fertilizer often, specifically in the bonsai plant size and style. Fertilizing once in the Spring and once in the Fall with Time Released Bonsai Fertilizer is sufficient. Trimming the dead leaves and providing plenty of fresh air, will allow your Braided Money Tree to live for many years.

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