



# Chinese Money Tree

*Pachira aquatica*

*Money trees have thick trunks that are twisted or braided.  
The top of each delicate stem sports five large green leaves.  
This beautiful tree is very easy to care for.*

## **Unpacking and Potting Money Trees**

Carefully remove packing materials and layout newspapers or plastic on a counter to work on. You may use regular potting soil (without fertilizer) or a mix of 2/3 potting soil and 1/3 sand. Place 3 or 4 broken pottery shards or large pebbles in the bottom of the pot to prevent the potting soil from coming out when watered. Remove the money tree from its plastic pot, keeping the soil ball intact. Center the trunk in the new pot with the soil level about 1/2-1" below the rim of the pot depending on the pot size. If the soil ball does not touch the bottom, remove the tree, add some potting soil accordingly and reposition. Holding the tree centered with one hand, add potting soil all around the soil ball until the pot is filled consistently. The soil should be tamped down gently with your fingers, but not compacted tightly. Use a damp paper towel to clean up any potting soil adhering to the pot. Your money tree is ready to enjoy!

## **Money Tree Care**

Money trees are fast growing plants. Please keep money trees indoors in a well lit area. Brief sunlight exposure and light watering will keep the plants healthy. Let plant dry out completely before each watering as too much water can cause the roots to rot. Money trees rarely need watering more than once a week and in winter you may need to wait 2-3 weeks. Test dryness by inserting your finger in the soil; if it's still damp, don't water yet. Old or damaged leaves may be cut off and new ones will grow soon. Please note that if leaves are damaged in shipping, it's ok to remove them as new stems with leaves will grow within a few weeks.

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