



BONSAI - FAQ

Q: What is bonsai ? Are these special plants ?

The literal translation of Bonsai is "plant in a tray". It is usually defined as the art of miniaturising trees. They are normal trees and plants that are trained to their beautiful shapes and kept in their miniature form by special techniques There are no separate seeds for Bonsai.

Q: How is miniaturizing a tree possible?

Several techniques are used to keep a Bonsai tree small. The tree is grown in a container, the trimming, pruning, repotting and other care given the tree -- all contribute to the final result of limited growth. Bonsai are grown in shallow containers the size of which determines the amount of soil the roots are able to grow in. This environment definitely restricts the growth of the roots and its functions.

Q : How to maintain a Bonsai tree?

A: Regular watering and adequate natural light is required to maintain the bonsai. As compared to the regular houseplants, these plants need more attention in regards to watering and light requirements.

Q: How often should I water my Bonsai ?

Watering should be done when the soil becomes dry. When watering, pour water till the pot is full. Excess water will be drained via the holes. In summers, most plants will require daily watering.

Q: How often should I fertilize my Bonsai tree?

A: Once in a month, put compost in the plant.

Q: How often should I re-pot my Bonsai tree?

A: All potted vegetation will eventually outgrow their containers. While houseplants need to be "up-potted", placed in larger and larger containers, we maintain the miniaturization of a Bonsai tree by keeping the roots confined to the small container. On average, repotting will be necessary every 2 years, but the tree should be removed from its container and its root system inspected once a year