

Bonsai (Bone-sigh) is an ancient horticultural method of growing dwarf trees, first practiced in China and Japan well over 800 years ago. The idea is to either dwarf a plant that would ordinarily make a large tree, or to train a smaller growing shrub to look like a tree.

Rockledge Gardens' bonsai are between 3&5 years old for the most part. Our Bonsai are intended to provide an attractive, reasonably priced plant for those who are casually interested in growing Bonsai. Those with a deeper interest in this fascinating hobby will undoubtedly wish to start and train their own Bonsai. Rockledge Gardens offers Bonsai pots and a wide variety of plants suited to Bonsai culture.

Bonsai are not, for the most part, houseplants. Most require bright light, and can be kept indoors only for short periods, say a 2 or 3 days. This will depend on the variety.

A Bonsai, when purchased, is not a finished product. It continues to grow and develop throughout its life. Pruning of branches and pinching of new growth must be done periodically. Trim whatever you feel needs to be done to maintain a miniature tree look. Often less foliage is best.

Bonsai and other plants for that matter, should never be left to sit in a pan or saucer with water in it. Since Bonsai pots are relatively shallow, the water will be drawn up into the soil. After a few days of sitting in water the roots of the plant will begin to die. After a Bonsai has been in a pot for several years, the roots should be trimmed back.

Fertilize with **Dynamite** every six months.

Bonsai pots should have large drainage holes, consequently the plant should be watered thoroughly and frequently, especially in hot weather.

Bonsai should not be considered low maintenance plants, but they are a lot of fun for the "hands on" type of person.

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