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**Soil:** Well drained, tolerates acidic to slightly basic conditions. Add a bit of lime, just to make sure there's enough. Light fertilizing might help, but is probably not essential.

**Water:** Will benefit from irrigation during droughts, or if soil is excessively drained.

**Sun:** Full sun, part sun, part shade.

**Cold:** Very cold hardy.

**Pruning:** Mostly unnecessary, but removing low branches/suckers can improve appearance.

**Propagation:** By seed, cold stratification required.

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