

Liquidambar styraciflua 'Hapdell' 'Happidaze'® Sweetgum PPAF

Zone: 4-9

Height: 45'

Width: 25'

Crown: Spreading

Growth Rate: Rapid

Soil: Loam, clay

pH: Acidic, slightly alkaline

Drainage: Well drained, some flooding

Drought: Moderate tolerance

Breakage: Susceptible

Pests: Few if any

Disease: Few if any



'Happidaze'® is fairly new to the market and said to be completely seedless. Good deal. Those seed pods are a mess. The leaves are dark green and pretty big, turning maroon if fall. The stems have corky wings and the bark gets furrowed. This tree, as with most Liquidambar is a very tough urban plant, tolerating compacted soil, wet areas, drought and pollution. The only thing it doesn't like is sandy soil. 'Happidaze' seems to be very vigorous in our container program. We have noticed that because of the habit of this tree not to shed leaves until late in the season (at least in our area), that it is susceptible to wind, ice and snow damage. It would be advisable to see that all limb crotches are at an acceptable angle.