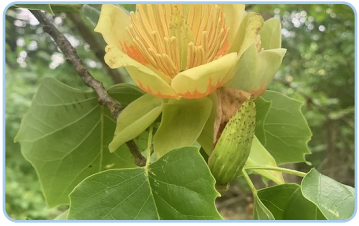
TAYLOR'S
LANDSCAPE SUPPLY & NURSERY

Tulip Poplar

Liriodendron tulipifera

Plant care guide



SUN
Full sun · 6+ hrs

WATER
Moderate · water in dry spells

MATURE SIZE
60–90 ft tall, 30–40 ft wide

BLOOM TIME
Spring · yellow-green & orange

USDA ZONE
5–9a · fits 8b/9a

Planting

Best in fall. Dig 2–5× as wide as the root ball, no deeper; set it level or 2–4 in. high in poor drainage. A big, fast shade tree: plant it 10–15 ft back from streets and walks.

Watering

First months: keep the root ball moist, not soggy.
Established: soak in summer dry spells; drought makes inner leaves yellow and drop early.

Soil & Mulch

Moist, well-drained, acidic soil. 2–4 in. of mulch, off the trunk. Ask us about Taylor's soil and mulch.

Fertilizer

Water, not food, matters most at first. Feed only if growth is weak or a soil test calls for it; use slow-release.

Pruning

Start a year or two after planting: build one strong central trunk.

Lowcountry Tip

A native giant in the magnolia family. Tulip-shaped spring flowers feed bees and hummingbirds; aphids can drip sticky honeydew.