

Bonsai Watering



The less soil in a pot, the more frequent watering necessary

More than 75% of newly bought Bonsai trees reportedly die within the first month because of watering too infrequently. In general, the less planting mix in a pot, the more vulnerable to drying out and the more often it needs watering. **MORE** Since bonsai normally don't have much soil in the pot, watering needs much more attention than with most other plants and changes depending on the tree type, temperature, season, microclimate.

Automatic watering saves trees

We have and continue to test and experiment with many kinds of irrigation methods for bonsai.

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These methods vary greatly depending on the type of bonsai, the local climate, if they are indoor bonsai, outdoor ones, or ones that can be outside for long periods but need to come inside to stay warmer during the winter.

Bonsai Blumats

We have gravity and pressure auto-irrigation systems,

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a "Bonsai Blumat" designed for very small pots, "Bonsai Classics" for indoor bonsai. Tropf-Blumats for outdoor bonsai and for starting bonsai in larger pots, and capillary mat systems for propagating bonsai from seeds, starts, and clones. We also plan to introduce soon a new blumat shape and size for very shallow bonsai pots as well as decorative snap-on tops for the blumat carrots—a pagoda, a specially-shaped rock, mud men, and... your suggestions?



Bonsai Watering Systems and components

Bonsai Blumats IG15561

Indoor sample kit IG18467

Outdoor/Greenhouse Small Pot Kit IG18402 (needs NS name change)

Outdoor only kit IG18403



We sold locally-grown bonsai trees in our Garberville grow store (Open Circle Trading Company) in the 1970's — we say "sold" but more more accurately "tried to sell" — not many people in those days grew bonsai in Humboldt county. Our interest, however, continued over the years and we imported bonsai tools at one point. We took most of these bonsai pictures while traveling in China 15-20 years back.



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Jinai, our once shipping manager/now part owner in front of a 700-year-old bonsai papaya tree



Steve in front of this colorful bonsai, Suzhou, China 1987



Bonsai Backyard

Bonsai-filled tea or meeting room



Umbrella bonsai

Big trunk, small leaves





Old and beautiful



Bonsai Blumats in Action



Bonsai in Boulder



**Gravity Bonsai
Blumats outside**