

# First Time Configuration

These are the instructions to follow in order to start using Google Maps on your site.

1. Install and enable the Google Maps addon if you have not already, following [Installation of Addons](#). <
2. If you do not yet have a Google Maps API Key, apply for one [here](#). <
3. In your admin panel, go to [Addons > Google Maps > Settings](#), and enter the Google Maps API key you obtained in the previous step. Save the settings. <
4. Change the rest of the setting if you wish to change them from the defaults. <
5. At the bottom of that same page in your admin, after the settings have been saved, ensure that the Google Map Preview displays correctly in the [Maps Preview](#) section. If it does not, check the settings and that cURL is working on your server, if the map does not display here it will not display on listing details pages. <
6. Add the tag (**`!addon.geo_addons.google_maps.listing_map!`**)<sup>1)</sup> to your classified details and auction details templates, which ever is appropriate for your software product. You can do this in your admin panel at [Templates > Templates Home](#), Click **Edit** button for the the appropriate template<sup>2)</sup>. <
7. In [Listing Setup > Fields to Use](#) make sure to allow using the following fields:
  - Mapping Address <
  - Mapping City <
  - Mapping State <
  - Mapping Country <
  - Mapping Zip <

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1. Place a test listing on your site, and be sure to enter the mapping data. Once the listing is placed, view the listing details to see if the map displays. <

<sup>1)</sup>  
 Or if you are using file-based templates, use the tag **`{addon author='geo_addons' addon='google_maps' tag='listing_map'}`**

<sup>2)</sup>  
 If using file-based templates, you would of course add that tag to the file template used for listing details.

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