

# First Time Configuration

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

1. If you do not yet have a Google Maps API Key:
  1. Visit the Google APIs Console at <https://code.google.com/apis/console> and log in with your Google Account (or create a Google Account if you do not already have one)
  2. Click the Services link from the left-hand menu, then activate the **Google Maps API v2** service (**not** the "v3" service).
  3. Once the service has been activated, your API key is available from the **API Access** page, in the **Simple API Access** section. Use the **Key for browser apps**.
2. Install and enable the Google Maps addon if you have not already, following [Installation of Addons](#). <
3. In your admin panel, go to [Addons > Google Maps > Settings](#), and enter your Google Maps API key. 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 author='geo\_addons' addon='google\_maps' tag='listing\_map'}** to your classified details and auction details templates, which ever is appropriate for your software product. If using a template set design based on the default design from 5.0+, the template file(s) you will need to edit are **listing\_classified.tpl** and/or **listing\_auction.tpl** template(s). Within these templates you would insert this tag where you want the Google Maps addon to appear in your listing details page.<
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. <

<tip cn>Make sure you test/use this feature with an actual address that can be found by the Google Maps site. If the address is not a good address the window may never appear</tip>

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