

Fruit Tree Planting and Care

Planting & Care of Peach Trees

- Peach trees do best when planted in spring
- Pick a location that is well drained, in full sun with good air circulation
- Remove tree from pot
- Soak roots in water about an hour before planting
- Dig a hole slightly taller and wider than the roots of the tree
- Place the roots in the center of the hole and cover completely with loosened soil
- Water thoroughly and make sure the tree does not dry out in the weeks after being planted
- Dwarf trees 10-12 feet apart
- Standard trees 15-20 feet apart
- Prune trees annually, mid to late April, to encourage growth and production
- Prune to open center shape and remove any vigorous shoots
- If the tree produces a lots of fruit, thin the crop to create larger and better tasting peaches

Planting & Care of Apple Trees

- Pick a location that is well drained, in full sun with good air circulation
- Plant as early in Spring as possible
- Check to see if the apple tree is self-fruitful or not. If it is not, make sure to plant a cultivar that is best matched for pollination.
- Soak roots in water about an hour before planting
- Dig a hole wide enough to accommodate the root system of the tree
- Spread the roots in the hole before covering with soil
- Water thoroughly to settle the soil around the roots of the tree
- Standard trees 30 to 35 feet apart
- Semi-dwarfs 20 to 25 feet apart
- Dwarfs 15 to 20 feet apart
- If the tree has a graft, make sure that the graft stays at least 1 inch above the ground
- Stake the tree if needed to help it grow strait
- Prune any dead, broken branches, or straight upright water sprouts that are growing from branches

Planting & Care of Cherry Trees

- Pick a location that is well drained, in full sun with good air circulation
- Check to see if the cherry tree is self-fruitful or not. If it is not, make sure to plant a cultivar that is best matched for pollination.
- Soak roots in water about an hour before planting
- Dig a hole wide enough to accommodate the root system of the tree
- Place the tree in the center of the hole and fill with loosened soil around the tree
- Water thoroughly to settle the soil around the roots of the tree
- Standard cherry trees 35 to 40 feet apart
- Dwarf cherry trees 8 to 10 feet apart
- Prune cherry trees annually
- Prune in late winter or early spring

Planting & Care of Pear Trees

- Pick a location that is well drained, in full sun with good air circulation
- Most pear trees require pollinators, make sure to plant a cultivar that is best matched for pollination. Pear trees require more pollinators and bees than any other fruit.
- Dig a hole wide enough to accommodate the root system of the tree
- Place the tree in the center of the hole and fill with loosened soil around the tree.
- If the tree has a graft, make sure that the graft stays at least 1 inch above the ground
- Water thoroughly to settle the soil around the roots of the tree
- Standard pear trees 20 to 25 feet apart
- Dwarf pear trees 12 to 13 feet apart
- Prune in late winter or early spring

Planting & Care of Plum Trees

- Pick a location that is well drained, in full sun with good air circulation
- Check to see if the plum tree is self-fruitful or not. If it is not, make sure to plant a cultivar that is best matched for pollination.
- Dig a hole a few inches deeper and wider than the pot.
- Place the tree in the center of the hole and fill with loosened soil around the tree.
- If the tree has a graft, make sure that the graft stays at least 1 inch above the ground
- Water thoroughly to settle the soil around the roots of the tree
- Standard trees 20 to 25 feet apart
- Dwarf trees 13 to 20 feet apart
- Prune plum trees in spring