



EDIBLE
GARDENING
SERIES

Apples

One of the easiest fruit trees for the home gardener to grow. You can harvest fruit from your apple trees from late summer through November by choosing your varieties with care. See our **Harvest Chart** for more information.

EXPOSURE

Full sun to part shade.

PLANTING

Use **Gardner & Bloome Soil Building Compost**, **Dr. Earth Starter Fertilizer** & **Bonide Root n Grow**. See our **Planting Guide** for more details.

We offer semi-dwarf trees and a very limited selection of dwarf apple trees:

- SEMI DWARF: 12 to 15 feet tall and wide, unless kept pruned to lower height. Trees are easily maintained at 8 to 10 feet tall with summer pruning. Plant 15 feet apart.
- DWARF: 7 to 12 feet tall and wide, unless kept pruned to a lower height. Trees can be maintained at 5 to 8 feet. Plant 10 feet apart. Dwarf trees will need to be staked.

If you have room for one tree, a combination apple tree will give you the best pollination and production. See our **Combination Fruit Tree** help sheet for further information.

POLLINATION

Two or more varieties are needed for best fruit set with the exception of Gravenstein, King, Jonagold, Winesap & Red Gravenstein which have sterile pollen and can not pollinate other apples. With these, you may need two other varieties to pollinate each other and the sterile apple. See our **Pollination Chart**.

FERTILIZING

Apply lime in early winter. In the early spring at leaf break with **Dr. Earth Fruit Tree Fertilizer** and then again in mid summer. Be sure to follow directions on back of box.

MULCHING

Apply 2 to 3 inches of **Soil Building Compost** in a 3-foot diameter circle around the base of your trees annually.

PRUNING

Prune in the late winter. See our **Pruning Chart**. Thin fruit with 30 days of set.

SPRAYING

We recommend Dormant Spraying in the spring. See our **Spray Chart** for more information.

HARVESTING

Harvest times vary depending on apple. See our **Harvest Chart** for more information.

CHECK LIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Apple Trees | <input type="checkbox"/> Bonide Root n Grow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organic Soil Building Compost | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Stakes (2 per Tree) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Earth Starter Fertilizer | <input type="checkbox"/> Chain Lock |

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