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Pomegranates

A deciduous shrub with glossy, dark green somewhat leathery foliage. Orange to orange-red tropical looking flowers in the summer followed by green globe shaped fruit that mature to several different shades of red. Pomegranates have strong antioxidant properties. Pomegranates are a round shaped shrub typically reaching 12 to 15 feet tall, and sucker profusely from the base, and suckers need to be kept pruned down. Hardy to 0°F.

EXPOSURE

Full sun to part shade, maximize heat units.

POLLINATION

Self-fertile but plant two or more pomegranate plants as cross pollination increases fruit set.

PLANTING

Plant your pomegranates with **Gardner & Bloome Soil Building Compost**, **Dr. Earth Starter Fertilizer** and **Bonide Root n Grow**. See Planting Guide for more information.

FRUITING

Pomegranates start bearing fruit two to three years after planting. Their fruit is generally globe-shaped, 2 to 3 inches in diameter, sometimes up to 5 inches. The fruit starts out green maturing to several different shades of red. They typically ripen in fall, from September to November.

PRUNING

Pomegranates flower on new growth and need to be pruned before new growth begins in the spring. The pomegranate fruit is produced on short spurs found on 2- to 3-year-old stems. Light annual pruning will encourage new fruiting spurs to develop, but avoid heavy pruning as it reduces fruit production.

WATERING

Provide even soil moisture this will aid in reducing fruit drop and prevent fruit splitting.

FERTILIZING

Fertilize in March and again in July. Use **Dr. Earth Fruit Tree Fertilizer**, be sure to follow directions on back of box. This will aid in fruit production.

MULCHING

Apply 2 to 3 inches of **Gardner & Bloome Harvest Supreme** or **Gardner & Bloome Organic Soil Building Compost** around each plant in the spring and again in the fall. This helps with moisture control.

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