

Frequently Asked Questions

How often should I fertilize my new tree and what should I use?

You should fertilize your citrus tree once a month during the growing season with a citrus fertilizer (February to October). You may need to supplement Iron, Zinc and Manganese. Ironite is a good source for those nutrients. Follow the directions on the container for correct application. Check our link to Plant Nutrients for more information.

Should I prune my citrus tree?

Pruning is not a necessity for citrus, but when you are using it in your landscape you will probably need to prune it occasionally to keep it attractive. Prune after harvest or during winter while the tree is dormant. Selective pruning is best. Don't hedge. Clean out interiors and any crossing branches. Light pruning every year should keep it shapely and the size you desire.

I just purchased one of your trees from my local nursery and the tag says it is a semi-dwarf. How big will this tree grow?

Our nursery sells three types of trees: **Standard, Semi-dwarf and Dwarf**. The following are general guidelines for the growth habits of these different types. Please note that the final tree size of any tree is not always predictable. Growing conditions, variety vigor and climate, greatly effect how big a tree will grow.

Standard

The approximate size at maturity will be 20' to 30' tall. Citrus is a rather slow growing tree and it could take 10 to 15 years to reach its full height.

Semi-Dwarf

A semi-dwarf citrus grows to about two-thirds the size of a standard tree. Depending on the citrus variety a mature semi-dwarf tree reaches between 15' and 20' tall. Notable exceptions are Eureka & Lisbon Lemons, which are too vigorous for true dwarfing.

Dwarf

A dwarfing rootstock reduces the proportions of the tree, however, dwarfing does not change the fruit size. Most dwarf citrus will reach a height of approximately 6' – 8' at maturity. Flying Dragon rootstock is the only true genetic dwarf rootstock. At Willits & Newcomb it is our primary source for dwarfing citrus.

Can you ship one tree to New Jersey?

No. But here are a couple of fine nurseries that do mail orders. Please give them a try.

Pacific Tree Farms • 4301 Lynwood Dr. • Chula Vista, CA 91910
(619) 422-2400 • www.kyburg.com/ptf/

Four Winds Growers • 42186 Palm Ave. • Fremont, CA 94538
(510) 656-2591 • www.fourwindsgrowers.com

Where can I find your products?

We sell throughout California, Las Vegas Nevada area and Phoenix and Tucson Arizona and their outlying communities. We supply many Home Depots, Lowe's and numerous independent nurseries in these areas. We also supply Costco's in these areas on a seasonal basis.

For more Information:

If you would like more information on citrus care and varieties we recommend the book entitled "Citrus - Complete Guide to Selecting & Growing More than 100 Varieties For California * Arizona * Texas * The Gulf Coast * Florida," by Lance Walheim. It is published by Ironwood Press and should be available at your local home improvement store or bookstore.