

Easy Tree Care Guide for Garden Citrus Trees



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SEASON	TASKS	CHEAT SHEET
<p>Winter:</p> <p>Water as needed</p> <p>Fertilize in January</p> <p>Pick ripe fruit</p>	<p>Be sure tree receives regular water. If rains are not sufficient, supplement with a deep watering twice a month. Use high quality fertilizer and apply per package directions. Keep a 3-4" layer of organic mulch under tree, starting 6" away from the trunk. Keep grass away - it will compete for nutrients .</p>	<p>HERE'S THE SHORT VERSION:</p> <p>(1) Water deeply 1x a week or more as needed. Get this part right and the tree will be happy</p> <p>(2) Fertilize in Jan, May, June</p> <p>(3) Prune as needed, check for pests, add worm castings</p>
<p>Spring:</p> <p>Water as needed</p> <p>Fertilize in May & June</p> <p>Pick Ripe Fruit</p> <p>Prune if Needed</p>	<p>Watch for pests, especially snails, leafminer and white-fly. Monterey Garden Spray with spinosad is effective. A 2" layer of worm castings will discourage insects. Water deeply & adjust for Santa Anas or cool, rainy periods. Prune as needed after there is any chance of frost</p>	
<p>Summer:</p> <p>Water</p> <p>Fertilize</p> <p>Check for pests</p> <p>Pick Ripe Fruit</p>	<p>Newly planted trees will need more frequent watering as their root systems develop and they grow leafier. A long slow soaking is important so the roots grow deep. Water should penetrate the soil to a depth of about 18". Established trees can go longer between deep watering. The finger test tells you when it is time.</p>	
<p>Autumn:</p> <p>Clean up</p> <p>Check for pests</p>	<p>Maintain good hygiene by cleaning up leaves and debris. This makes it less hospitable for pests to proliferate. Water less often as weather cools - if winter rains become regular, you may not need additional water. Now is a good time to replenish the worm castings.</p>	
<p>More Resources</p>	<p>UC Davis & UC Master Gardener info</p>	
<p>IMPORTANT NOTE</p>	<p>Online tree care advice is often intended for commercial growers or well-established trees. It may not be appropriate for newly planted or young trees. If you are not sure, please give us a call.</p>	<p>www.TheWishingTreeCompany.com 760.753.1760</p>