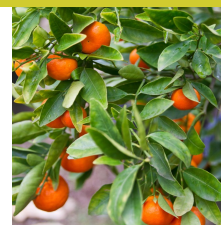




Tree Care Guide for Patio Citrus Trees



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SEASON	TASKS	
Winter: Water as needed Pick ripe fruit Fertilize Feb - Mar	<p>Winter rains may be sufficient - if not, water every 7-10 days. Check with your finger - soil should be moist 2" down. Soak well, let the pot drain and then soak again to saturate the whole root ball.</p> <p>Be sure soil drains well -check drainage holes if you see no seepage. Apply quality fertilizer per package directions starting in February. Keep a 3-4" layer of organic mulch under tree, starting 6" away from the trunk.</p>	<p>HERE'S THE SHORT VERSION:</p> <p>(1) Water 1x or more per week. Soak well, let it drain & soak again. Get this part right and the tree will be happy</p> <p>(2) Fertilize Monthly Feb thru Sept</p> <p>(3) Prune, check for pests, add worm castings occasionally</p>
Spring: Water Fertilize April, May, June Pick Ripe Fruit Prune if Needed	<p>Continue to fertilize monthly. Watch for pests, especially snails, citrus leaf miner and whitefly. Monterey Garden Spray with Spinosad is effective. Worm castings will fight insects & supplement the soil's nutrients. As weather warms, check soil and water more frequently as needed. Water ahead of Santa Anas. In 3rd or 4th year, you may want to prune to allow for better air circulation and sun</p>	
Summer: Water Fertilize July thru Sept Pick Ripe Fruit	<p>As the root ball develops and the tree gets leafier, it will use more water - that means more frequent watering. Always thoroughly soak - Water should penetrate the soil the full depth of the pot and drain freely. Continue the monthly fertilizing.</p>	
Autumn: Clean up	<p>Clean up leaves and debris. This makes it less hospitable for pests. Water less often [by adding extra days in between] as weather cools, still soaking thoroughly. If fall/winter rains become regular, you may not need to water at all. Now is a good time to replenish the layer of worm castings.</p>	
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