

Easy Tree Care Guide for Deciduous Patio Trees



SEASON	TASKS	YOUR NOTES
Winter: Prune & Spray Fertilize	<p>In winter, deciduous trees require little care because they are dormant. When the leaves have dropped, potted fruit and ornamental trees only need water about once a month - rain is often adequate, but supplement if needed. Fruit trees benefit from dormant spray & pruning before the new buds break. Apply good organic fertilizer in February - ornamentals in pots are good for the year with just this one application.</p>	<p>HERE'S THE SHORT VERSION:</p> <p>(1) Water Weekly in Spring, Summer, Fall- 1x, 2x or more as needed. Soak deeply down to 18 inches - water well, let it drain & repeat. Get this part right!</p> <p>(2) Fertilize fruit trees in Feb, May & Aug</p> <p>(3) Prune, check for pests, add worm castings occasionally</p>
Spring: Water & Fertilize [May]	<p>When new leaves have emerged in early spring it is time to resume watering. Adjust water to the amount and fullness of the leaves - as the leaves grow big and the weather warms, the tree will need more water. For coastal areas, start with 1x per week and as weather warms, increase to every 4-5 days. Water well, let pot drain and water again within the hour each time. Remove saucer so it always drains well. Thin out small fruits when they reach about 1" - allow 4-5 inches in between so you'll get nice big fruits.</p>	
Summer: Water & Fertilize [August] Harvest fruit	<p>Continue to provide regular water - your finger should feel moisture at 2" deep. Should hot, windy conditions occur, soak the tree ahead of time so it can withstand the dehydrating winds. Deep & slow watering is best - Always soak the soil to 18" depth.</p>	
Autumn:	<p>Water less frequently (but still saturate deeply) as weather cools and leaves drop. Stop watering once leaves are mostly gone & winter rains become regular.</p>	
More Resources	<p>Dave Wilson Nursery</p> <p>Excellent videos and more from California's top grower of bare root fruit and ornamental trees</p>	
	<p>UC Davis & UC Master Gardener info</p>	<p>www.homeorchard.ucdavis.edu</p>
IMPORTANT NOTE	<p>Most tree care advice is intended for established trees and may not be appropriate for newly planted and young trees. If you are not sure, please give us a call.</p>	<p>www.TheWishingTreeCompany.com</p> <p>760.753.1760</p>