

APPLES

When choosing an apple variety pay special attention to pollination requirements. Most varieties require two trees for fruit production. We have provided a separate chart on the bloom time of apple varieties to help determine suitable pollinators.

There are many factors to consider when choosing an apple tree for your yard. There is a wide range of colors, flavors, uses (such as baking or cider), pollination requirements, and disease resistance. It can be overwhelming to choose. We are here to help!

Descriptions of flavor, uses, and hardiness for the different varieties we carry have been provided in the chart below. Disease resistance of specific varieties is provided on a separate chart. Good cultural practices greatly reduce disease problems. In addition, resistant varieties also help in greatly reducing chemical use.

Not only do you need to consider what variety you desire, but you also need to choose a rootstock that fits your site conditions. The size of the tree is determined by the variety's growth habit and the rootstock. Rootstocks reduce the size of a variety by a percentage of the standard size. For example, MM106 is a semi dwarf rootstock normally growing to about 70% of the standard size (resulting in a 12-16' tree). The rootstock also contributes to disease resistance, hardiness, and anchorage for soil type. Please refer to the rootstock chart for specific characteristics.

AKANE	Self-fertile. Disease resistant variety, very hardy, with bright red fruit, juicy, crisp, white flesh and tart, sprightly flavor. Good for drying, dessert, and storing.
ARKANSAS BLACK	Medium, near black fruit with waxy skin. Crisp and juicy! Good fresh, for cooking and for cider. Excellent keeper. Triploid . Ripens late Oct.
ASHMEAD'S KERNAL	The small fruit has a robust, rich, sweet-tart flavor. Good for cooking, baking, cider, and keeping. Ripens late Sept-Oct.
BELLE de BOSKOOP	Large green fruit blushed dark red. Crisp, tangy flesh outstanding for dessert, cooking, and baking. Great keeper sweetens in storage. Ripens Nov-Dec.
BRAEBURN	Medium to large fruit. Yellow skin with orange-red blush. Crisp, tangy flavor, very high quality. Requires fruit thinning. Fruit susceptible to sunburn. Triploid .
CALVILLE BLANC	Classic French dessert apple, circa 1598. Med-lg, pale green fruit with tender, spicy-sweet flesh. Excellent for sauce, cooking, and dessert. Ripens Oct-Dec.
CHEHALIS	Self-fertile. Large, green-yellow fruit with pink blush has crisp, med-textured white flesh. Scab and mildew resistant. Ripens late Sept. to mid-October.
COX'S ORANGE PIPPEN	Self-fertile. Heirloom apple. Orange with red stripe. Firm, sweet, tart and juicy. Excellent all purpose. Ripens mid-season.
EARLY PINK LADY	Self-fertile. Oblong, yellow fruit flushed pink with fine, white flesh that resists browning. Very long keeper, ripens early Sept.
EMPIRE	Semi self-fertile, produces better with pollinator. McIntosh-type with better flavor, color, and shelf life. Great dessert and cider apple. Ripens Sept-Oct.
ENTERPRISE	Med-large, deep red fruit with excellent flavor. Highly disease resistant, ripens mid-October.
FREEDOM	Midseason apple that stores into January. Good choice for fresh eating, cider, and cooking with crisp, juicy flesh and sprightly flavor. Ripens Sept-Oct.
FUJI	Tall, rectangular, med-sized apple. Yellow-green skin with orange-red stripes. Crisp, juicy, sub acid flesh with superb texture. Good keeper. Vigorous, productive, bushy tree. Ripens SeptOct.

GALA	Semi self-fertile, produces better with pollinator. Medium fruit with bright yellow skin heavily striped with orange-red. Yellow flesh is firm, crisp and very juicy. Good keeper. Large, vigorous tree. Ripens in Sept.
GOLDEN DELICIOUS	Self-fertile. Large, golden fruit with crisp, juicy, flavorful flesh. High quality all-purpose type. Superior pollinator with three flushes of blooms mid-season. Ripens Sept-Oct.
GOLDEN SENTINAL	Columnar apple. Yellow, sweet and juicy fruit that ripens late Sept. Very productive. 8-10'x18". Great for containers!
GRANNY SMITH	Self-fertile. Large, bright green apple with tart and juicy flavor. Good keeper. Excellent for cooking and baking. Very vigorous, heavy producing tree. Needs a hot location to ripen in the Pacific Northwest. Ripens in Nov.
GRAVENSTEIN	Large, round fruit with red stripes. Crisp, juicy, fine grained, yellow-white flesh is known for its fine flavor. Excellent all purpose. Triploid . Ripens in Aug.
HARALSON	Med-size, deep red striped fruit with crisp, juicy, tender, white flesh. Good fresh, in baking especially as it holds its shape, also good keeper. Ripens Sept-Oct.
HONEYCRISP	Large, red, mottled apple with juicy, crisp, cream flesh. Extended harvest up to three weeks, and a good keeper. Late bloomer. Ripens late September.
LIBERTY	Most disease resistant variety ever developed! Medium-sized, shiny fruits best for fresh eating, cooking, canning, and keeping. Very vigorous. Ripens Oct.
MELROSE	Large, flat fruit is yellow-green streaked dark red, with firm, juicy flesh and slightly acid flavor. Excellent choice for cooking and dessert, stores into April. Vigorous, productive, spreading habit, good pollinator. Ripens late Oct.
NORTHERN SPY	Large, striped fruit with tart, aromatic flavor. Excellent all-purpose apple, good for eating, cooking, and a super keeper (into April!). Ripens late Oct.
NORTHPOLE	Columnar variety . Very large, bright red, Macintosh-type fruit that is crisp, juicy and aromatic. Very productive, attractive and great for fresh eating!
PINK PEARL	Handsome, medium-sized fruit with rich, sweet flavor, and unusual, bright pink flesh. Good for sauce & keeping. Highly ornamental while in bloom.
PRAIRIE SPY	Large fruit blushed red over yellow with crisp flesh and excellent flavor. One of the best home varieties. Good all-purpose and especially long keeper. Bears young and heavily.
PRISTINE	Glossy yellow fruit with high sugar content, great for fresh eating, cooking, sauce, and storing. Ripens in July. Superior disease resistance.
RED MCINTOSH	Self-fertile , but better with pollinator. Large, dark red fruit with tart, spicy flavor and delicious aroma. Super for cider, cooking, and fresh eating.
ROXBURY RUSSET	Large fruit, green with brown russet. Firm, yellow flesh with high sugar content. Excellent for cider. Blooms late.
SCARLET SENTINEL	Columnar variety. Medium-sized, red apple with dense, juicy flesh. Excellent for small spaces and containers. Ripens mid Oct.
SPARTAN	Self-fertile , but better with pollinator. White, crisp, juicy, medium-sized fruit. Highly aromatic, superb for fresh eating. Good keeper. Ripens mid-Oct.
SPITZENBERG	Medium to large, red-skinned fruit dotted with yellow. Flesh is crisp, fine-grained, tangy and spicy. Excellent for desserts. Good keeper. Ripens Nov.
WILLIAM'S PRIDE	Vigorous, upright tree blooms early. Dark maroon skin with creamy white flesh. Delicious blend of tart and sweet.
WINESAP	Round, med-sized, dark red fruit. Noted for crisp flesh and sugary flavor with high tartness. Multi-purpose apple excellent for sauce. Triploid.
YELLOW TRANSPARENT	Med-lg, translucent skinned fruit with very juicy, crisp, white flesh. Good for pie, sauce, and fresh eating. Vigorous, heavy bearing tree ripens Aug.

