



FILBERTS

Filberts, aka hazelnuts, are not just an important part of Oregon's agricultural economy – they're also the only nut tree that will fit in most urban gardens. Sitting at the border between tree and shrub, they grow to about 12-20 feet tall.

The varieties we carry are cultivars of the European hazel, *Corylus avellana*, renowned for millennia for its delicious and nutritious nuts. Besides yielding a delightful crop of nuts, they produce a show of highly ornamental catkins (the male flowers) during late winter or very early spring, before the foliage emerges. Hazels need a compatible partner for cross pollination. Because of genetic and timing factors, planting three varieties is recommended. They should be planted within 15 feet of each other for best results.

The filbert varieties that we carry are immune or resistant to filbert blight.

PRUNING: Hazels form a dense, tall thicket which can make an effective hedge. Prune out some of the older wood each winter to encourage new growth. They can also be trained as tall, multi-stemmed, vase-shaped trees by removing low growing sprouts periodically.

HARVESTING: Hazels will begin producing nuts in about 2-3 years. They ripen in fall and are ready for harvesting when the husk can be removed easily. You may either hand pick them or lay a cloth under the tree and tap the limbs to make the nuts drop. Squirrels will be your biggest competitor. Consider netting to preserve some nuts for yourself.

Varieties Expected for 2020

EPSILON	Delicious nuts on compact, disease resistant trees. Requires a pollinator. Hybridized at OSU.
ETA	Good pollinator for Jefferson and other late-flowering varieties (except Delta). Midseason ripening, med-sized, flavorful nuts.
JEFFERSON	Another OSU release that blooms late and shows excellent disease and pest resistance. Yields large, flavorful nuts with well filled shells.
THETA	Late flowering, blight-immune selection from OSU produces small to med-sized nuts.
ZETA	Another late flowering, blight-immune selection from OSU. Vigorous tree produces high quality, med-sized nuts.