

# Key Lime

*Citrus aurantiifolia*

Care instructions



# Info

Key Lime (*Citrus aurantiifolia*) is a small, tropical citrus tree native to Southeast Asia and widely grown for its aromatic, tart fruits. It typically grows to 3–6 feet (1–2 meters) tall and is known for its glossy, dark green leaves and white flowers that bloom in clusters. Key lime trees thrive in warm climates and prefer well-draining, slightly acidic soil with a pH between 5.5 and 6.5. These trees require full sunlight for at least 8 hours a day to produce the best fruit. Ideal temperatures range from 65°F to 85°F (18°C–29°C), and they are sensitive to cold. Key lime trees require regular watering, with the soil kept moderately moist, but they do not tolerate overwatering. Moderate humidity levels and a balanced, citrus-specific fertilizer encourage optimal growth. While they can be grown in pots, they benefit from ample space to spread their roots. Key lime trees typically produce fruit that is green when immature, turning yellow-green as they ripen.

## Environmental Considerations

### Soil

Well-draining, slightly acidic, sandy loam

### Upkeep

Water regularly when topsoil is dry; moderate humidity; fertilize with balanced citrus fertilizer

