



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 pollination requirements.

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 in a separate hand out. Good cultural practices greatly reduce disease problems. In addition, resistant varieties also help in greatly reducing pesticide 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 and desired soil type. Please refer to the root stock chart for specific characteristic.

AKANE	Self-fertile. Disease resistant variety, very hardy, with bright red, 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.
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.
COX'S ORANGE PIPPEN	Self-fertile. Heirloom apple. Orange with red stripe. Firm, sweet, tart and juicy. Excellent all purpose. Ripens mid season.
EMPIRE	Medium size dark red fruit with firm waxy, crisp, juicy flesh. Ripen Oct. Good for desserts and cider.
FIRESIDE	'Delicious' type with better flavor and texture! Large, conical fruit has green skin with broad red stripes and greenish white flesh that is sweet, crisp, juicy, sub-acid and not at all mealy. Good keeper. Resistant to rust. Ripens in October.
FUJI	Tall, rectangular medium sized apple. Yellowish green skin with orangish red stripes. Crisp, juicy, slightly sub acid flesh with superb texture. Good keeper. Vigorous, productive, bushy tree. Ripens Sept.-Oct.
GALA	Semi self-fertile, but will produce better with pollinator. Medium sized fruit with bright yellow skin, heavily striped with bright orange-red. Yellow flesh is firm, crisp and very juicy. Good keeper. Large, vigorous tree. Ripens in Sept.
GOLDEN SENTINAL	Columnar apple. Yellow, sweet and juicy. 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. Zones 5-8.

GRAVENSTEIN	Large, round, fruit with red stripes. Crisp, juicy, fine grained, yellowish-white flesh is known for its fine flavor. Excellent all purpose. Triploid. Ripens in Aug.
HONEYCRISP	Large red mottled apple with juicy, crisp, cream colored flesh. Extended harvest up to three weeks, and a good keeper. Late bloomer. Ripens late September.
LIBERTY	Medium to large red skinned apple. Sweet, juicy, sprightly flavor. Good for fresh eating, cooking, canning or desserts. Keeps well. Vigorous, productive tree, requires fruit thinning. Exceptional disease resistance. Ripens early Oct.
MUTSU	Very large yellow fruit with a distinctive spicy flavor. Ripens in Oct. Good for cooking and desserts. Excellent for cider. Triploid.
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 LADY	Self-fertile. Oblong, green fruit turns yellow when mature, with a pinky-red overlay. Fine grained, white flesh with a sweet-tart flavor. Good keeper. Ripens in late Sept.
PRISTINE	Glossy yellow fruit with high sugar content, great for fresh eating, cooking, sauce, and storing. Ripens in July. Superior disease resistance.
ROXBURY RUSSET	Large fruit. Green with brown russet. Firm yellow flesh with a high sugar content. Excellent for cider. Blooms late.
SCARLET SENTINAL	Columnar apple. Medium sized red apple with dense juicy flesh. Excellent for small spaces and containers. Ripens mid Oct. Zone 5.
SPARTAN	Self-fertile, but produces better with pollinator. White, crisp, juicy medium fruit. Highly aromatic. Good keeper.
SPITZENBERG	Medium to large red skinned fruit dotted with yellow. Flesh is crisp, fine-grained, tangy and spicy. Excellent for desserts. Good keeper. Ripens late in the season.
SUNRISE	Bright red color with pale yellow background. Great for fresh eating. Short storage life. Immune to scab.
WEALTHY	Medium fruit. Yellow with red stripes. Crisp and very juicy. Good fresh and for cooking. Great pollinator.
WINESAP	Round, medium sized dark red fruit. Noted for crisp flesh and sugary flavor with high tartness. Multi-purpose apple-excellent for sauce. Triploid.
WOLF RIVER	Enormous fruit! Pale yellow skin covered by a pale red. Creamy white flesh. Primarily used for baking and pies, due to its texture. Excellent for drying. Resistant to scab, mildew and fireblight. Ripens from Sept- Oct.
YELLOW TRANSPARENT	Large fruit with transparent yellow skin. Crisp, juicy and very sweet. Good all purpose. Ripens late July-Aug.