



APPLES

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!

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.

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.

VARIETIES

AKANE	Round red fruit with crisp, juicy tart flesh. Good for pies and drying. Ripens late summer.
ARKANSAS BLACK	Medium near black fruit with waxy skin. Crisp and juicy! Ripens late Oct. Good fresh, for cooking and for cider.
BRAEBURN	Medium to large fruit. Yellow skin with orange-red blush. Crisp, tangy flavor, very high quality. Low vigor. Requires fruit thinning. Fruit susceptible to sunburn. Ripens early Oct.
COXS ORANGE PIPPEN	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. Hardy to -50 deg F.
FUJI	Tall, rectangular medium sized apple. Yellowish green skin with orangish red stripes. Crisp, juicy, slightly subacid flesh with superb texture. Good keeper. Vigorous, productive, bushy tree. Ripens Sept.-Oct.
GALA	Medium sized fruit with bright yellow skin, heavily striped with bright orange-red. Yellow flesh is firm, crisp and very juicy. Fine semi-sweet flavor. 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	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, orangish-yellow fruit with red stripes. Crisp, juicy, fine grained, yellowish-white flesh is known for its fine flavor. Excellent for cooking, pies, desserts, sauces and cider. Biennial bearing can be controlled with heavy pruning and thinning. Triploid; needs pollinator. Ripens in August.
HONEYCRISP	Large red mottled apple with juicy, crisp, cream colored flesh. Excellent aromatic flavor, a favorite at our Apple Tasting. Extended harvest up to three weeks, and a good keeper. Late bloomer. Ripens late September. Zones 4-8.
JONAGOLD	Large yellow fruit with red stripes. Firm, cracking, juicy, slightly tart flesh. Rich, full flavor. Keeps for three months. Vigorous, spreading tree. Triploid; Spartan is an excellent pollinator for this variety. Ripens Sept.-Oct. Zones 5-8.
JONATHON	Medium to large round fruit with red-striped thin skin. Fine, juicy flesh with a fresh sub-acid flavor. Good for cooking, fresh eating, storing. A naturally small tree that bears young, annually and heavily. Self fruitful, but crops are greatly increased with cross pollination. Ripens from mid September to mid October. Zones 5-8
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. Zones 4-8.
MELROSE	Large, flattened shiny red fruit. Sweet, tender, moderately soft and juicy white flesh. Good for desserts, cooking and fresh eating. Vigorous, spreading tree. Ripens in Oct.
MUTSU	Very large yellow fruit with a distinctive spicy flavor. Ripens in Oct. Good for cooking and desserts.
NORTHPOLE	Columnar variety. Very large, bright red, Macintosh-type fruit that is crisp, juicy and aromatic. Very productive, attractive and great for fresh eating! Early season. Zone 4.
PINK LADY	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 September.
ROXBURY RUSSET	Large fruit. Green with brown russet. Firm yellow flesh with a high sugar content. Excellent for cider. Blooms late.
SCARLET SENTINAL	New columnar apple! Medium sized red apple with dense juicy flesh. Excellent for small spaces and containers. Ripens mid Oct. Zone 5.
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.
STARK ROYAL GALA	Bright red fruit. Firm and juicy with good quality. Stores well. Ripens mid Sept.
SUMMER RED	Bright red fruit with tender flesh and mellow, sweet flavor. Red skin stains applesauce pink! Ripens Aug. Self fertile!
WEALTHY	Medium fruit. Yellow with red stripes. Crisp and very juicy. Good fresh and for cooking. Great pollinator.
YELLOW TRANSPARENT	Large fruit with transparent yellow skin. Crisp, juicy and very sweet. Good all purpose. Ripens late July-Aug.