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Apple Tree Care

Useful Facts

Check for ripeness. Sample fruit; cut in half to check if seeds are brown.

Hardiness: Zones 4-9, or as noted.

Sun or shade: Full sun.

Life expectancy: 60-140 years.

Years to first fruit: 2-3 yrs.

Yield: Dwarfs 30-60 pounds a season!

How to Grow

Soil requirements: A well drained soil in an area with good air drainage. Likes a slightly acidic soil.

Cultural requirements: The mini-dwarf fruit trees should be staked. Balanced fertilizer, compost or manure can be used in the spring for the first years.

How To Use

In the kitchen: Fresh eating, cooking, pie making or for blending in cider. Also enjoy baked apples, dried apples, apple jelly and applesauce. We offer some of the best cider and cooking apples. Look for them!

In the landscape: Apple trees come in all sizes, depending on the variety and the rootstock they are grafted upon. On dwarf rootstock, they are wonderful grown on a trellis or in one of a number of fan, cordon or espalier patterns.

Commonly stocked Varieties:

Chehalis– Similar to golden delicious, but larger and crisper. Scab resistant.

Honeycrisp– Crisp and sweet red apple with gold hues. A fresh eating favorite.

Jonagold– Cross between Jonathon and golden delicious. An old time favorite for sauces, pies, and salads.

King– Yellow with red striping. Bred circa 1880! Huge, lovely apples keep well.

Liberty– Disease resistant medium size red apple. Juicy and sweet. Low acid.

You might also like our **4-way** dwarf apple trees– 4 different varieties on one tree! Great for small yards, and folks who like variety.