



Moringa Plant Care Instructions

Moringa thrives in full sun and loves heat. It does best in tropical, sub-tropical and even arid areas. Give it a warm, sheltered position with plenty of sun for warmth in winter. A north-facing courtyard is perfect.

In cool to cold climates, moringa is deciduous, dropping its leaves in autumn and re-shoot again in spring. Trees should be pruned in the cool season to about 2m high. Pot-grown moringa should also be cut back in winter to encourage new growth in spring.

Moringa is reasonably drought-tolerant. It hates 'wet feet', however, and will quickly show signs of distress if the soil holds water for long periods after rain or watering. It will need regular watering in the first year or so after planting, but once established it will do well on rainfall alone.

It's a different matter in pots, however, where the roots are unable to grow down deep in search of moisture. Water the pot well, making sure that excess water drains away freely, then don't water again until the top 15–20cm of potting mix has dried out.

Moringa should be given 2 applications of a six-month controlled release fertiliser each year – 1 in late winter and the other in late summer. Read the label for details about how much to apply.

From spring to late summer, liquid or water-soluble fertiliser may also be used to give trees an added boost. In spring, add compost and weathered manure as a mulch over the roots of trees in the garden.

Moringa is not affected by any serious diseases, but may be attacked by common garden pests like aphids, caterpillars in all areas, and fruit flies in warm climates. Pyrethrum-based insecticides will take care of the aphids and caterpillars. Ask for assistance when buying and using fruit fly controls – there are specific products available.

DISCLAIMER

All data and information provided on our website and this document is for informational purposes only. It makes no representations as to accuracy, completeness, currentness, suitability, or validity of any information shared online or offline and will not be liable for any errors, omissions, or delays in this information or any losses, injuries, or damages arising from its display or use. All information is provided on an as-is basis.