

Planting your new citrus tree in the ground:

1. Prepare a hole that is as deep as the roots of the tree you are planting (no deeper). The hole should be slightly wider than the tree's root mass.
 2. Drench the hole with water mixed with root stimulator such as Fertilome Root Stimulator.
 3. Remove tree from pot & lightly rough up the roots of your tree to help the root system adapt to its new location.
 4. Using peat moss, plant the tree making sure to fill the soil in around the roots to avoid air pockets. Do not use fertilizer in the hole when planting.
 5. Drench around the tree with more root stimulator after planting. Apply root stimulator once a week for the next 4 weeks.
 6. Water daily for the first week if rain is inadequate. Allow the soil to dry before watering after the first week.
- Do not mulch or let grass grow near the trunk of the tree.
 - Plant the tree in a location that gets at least 50% sun during the day and is well drained.

Planting your new citrus tree in a container:

1. Fill the bottom of container with potting soil such as Miracle-Gro Cactus, Palm & Citrus Potting Mix. We recommend mixing 60% potting soil with 40% perlite for superior drainage.
 2. Remove tree from pot & lightly rough up the roots of your tree to help the root system adapt to its new location.
 3. Using a mixture of 60% potting soil and 40% perlite plant the tree making sure to fill the soil in around the roots to avoid air pockets. Make sure the soil line of the tree is flush with the top of soil in container (not above or below).
 4. Water the tree so that all the soil is wet.
 5. Continue watering the tree only as the soil in container dries out.
- Make sure your container has drainage holes on the bottom or sides.
 - We recommend gradually stepping up your tree from small (7 gallon) to larger containers. Your tree should spend at least 2-3 months in each container before being stepped up.
 - Always follow directions for container growing when using fertilizer on a tree in a container.
 - Be sure to bring your tree indoors if below freezing temperatures are expected.
 - Place the container in a location that gets at least 50% sun during the day.

Fertilizing your citrus tree:

- Always use high quality, slightly nitrogen-heavy or balanced NPK fertilizer such as Fertilome Fruit, Citrus & Pecan Tree Food.
- Fertilize during the active growing season (Spring-Fall) per the application instructions.
- Do not place fertilizer near the trunk of the tree, but spread around the entire base of the canopy.
- Using slow release fertilizer provides the benefit of less frequent use, but common ground or spray fertilizers work just as well with more frequent applications.

Spraying your citrus tree for pests:

- **General Pest Control** – Use a Neem Oil or Malathion spray such as Fertilome Triple Action or Hi-Yield 55% Malathion as needed for the control of scale, whiteflies, aphids, spider mites and leaf miners
- **Fungus Control** – Use a liquid copper fungicide such as Natural Guard Copper Soap as needed for the control of Greasy Spot and many other funguses
- **Psyllid Control** – Use a systemic product such as Fertilome Tree & Shrub Systemic Insect Drench for the control and prevention of the Asian citrus psyllid which is responsible for the spreading of citrus greening disease

Always follow the use guidelines as provided by the manufacturer of each product

Keys to growing a fruitful citrus tree:

1. Provide at least 50% sun during the day
2. Water regularly (as soil dries)
3. Fertilize regularly (as recommended by manufacturer)
4. Spray for pests (as recommended by manufacturer)
5. Remove all sprouts at or below the metal stake (this will ensure optimal growth at the top of the tree)

Following these 5 simple steps will ensure you have a healthy, productive tree!