

Fruit Tree Care

Do you want to start growing your own fruit trees but have no idea where to start? We can help you with that. Here at Schalow's Nursery we can help you find an apple, pear, cherry, plum, or peach for your home. This handout will give you information on the fruit tree varieties we carry and how to care for them.

Apples

Apples are one of the most common fruit trees to find here in Wisconsin. Before purchasing an apple tree it is important that you know that in order to have your tree produce apples you will need a second apple variety or crabapple that blooms at the same time to pollinate your apple tree. Here at Schalow's Nursery we carry the following eight varieties of apples that can all be used to pollinate each other.

- Haralred
- Kindercrisp
- Fireside
- Cortland
- Honeycrisp
- McIntosh
- Winecrisp
- Zestar

It is recommended that apples are pruned yearly to keep the tree healthy and to help maintain shape. The most common method for

pruning apples results in one central leader (main stem) that has branches extending out from it. This pruning method will allow you to easily maintain your tree while giving the tree the maximum amount of sunlight and air circulation.

Pears

Pears are another common fruit and once again they will require a second variety for the best pollination. We only carry two pear varieties here at Schalow's Nursery, but they can be used to pollinate each other. The two varieties that we carry are Parker and Patten pear. Pears require full sun for

maximum production and should be pruned every year so they look their best and have maximum production.

Plums

Most plum varieties are not self-pollinating however at Schalow's Nursery we carry Mount Royal plums, which are self-pollinating meaning you will not need a second tree as a pollinator. These plum trees will do best in full sun with annual pruning to keep their shape and keep them healthy for the best production.

Cherries

Just like the other fruit trees we carry here at Schalow's Nursery, the cherries we carry do best in full sun. We only carry North Star Cherries and they are self-pollinating meaning you will not need a second variety to produce fruit. These trees are also a dwarf tree so they only get 6-10 feet tall and 8-12 feet wide meaning you can easily pick your fruit when its time to harvest. Like our other trees it is recommended to prune them yearly to keep their shape and keep them healthy for the best production.

Peaches

Like any other fruit peaches prefer full sun for the best results. We carry Contender Peaches which are a hardy self-pollinating peach. They should be pruned yearly to keep their shape and to remain healthy with the best production. These trees are normally pruned with a vase shape, meaning they have an open center, to allow plenty of sunlight to reach the fruit for the best ripening.

