

# Easy Tree Care Guide for Deciduous Patio Trees



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SEASON	TASKS	YOUR NOTES
<p><b>Winter:</b></p> <p><b>Prune &amp; Spray</b></p> <p><b>Fertilize [February]</b></p>	<p><b>In winter, deciduous fruit trees require little care.</b> Water only if winter rainfall is abnormally low, and then only about once per month. As the tree matures in the second year after planting, prune to improve the structure by removing dead or crossing branches, any damaged branches and to allow room for fruit to develop. Shorten young branches by about 1/3rd to 1/2 so they are sturdy enough to bear good sized fruit. Copper spray is recommended in December to control peach leaf curl. Follow pkg. directions. Fertilize with high quality organic fruit tree fertilizer in February, May and August.</p>	<p><b>HERE'S THE SHORT VERSION:</b></p> <p>(1) Water <b>Weekly</b> in Spring, Summer, Fall- 1x, 2x or more as needed. Need to soak deeply down to 18", so water well, let it drain, and repeat. Get this part right and the tree will be happy</p> <p>(2) Fertilize <b>per instructions to left</b></p> <p>(3) Prune, check for pests, add worm castings <b>occasionally</b></p>
<p><b>Spring:</b></p> <p><b>Water &amp; Fertilize [May]</b></p>	<p><b>When new leaves have emerged</b> in early spring it is time to start watering if rains are not sufficient. Adjust water to the amount and fullness of the leaves - as the leaves grow big and the weather warms, the tree will need more water. For coastal areas, start with 1x per week and as weather warms, increase to every 4-5 days. Water well, let pot drain and water again within the hour each time. Best to remove saucer so it always drains well. Be sure to thin out small fruits when they reach about 1" - allow 4-5 inches in between so you'll get nice big peaches. For very young trees, remove fruit at the ends of branches so they don't break.</p>	
<p><b>Summer:</b></p> <p><b>Water &amp; Fertilize [August]</b></p> <p><b>Harvest fruit</b></p>	<p><b>Continue to provide regular water - Twice</b> every week is good most summers, but check with your meter to be sure. <b>Should hot, windy conditions occur</b>, be sure to soak the tree ahead of time so it can withstand the dehydrating winds. Deep and slow watering is best - Always aim to soak the soil to a 12-18" depth.</p>	
<p><b>Autumn:</b></p>	<p><b>Water less frequently</b> (but still saturate deeply) as weather cools and leaves drop. Stop watering once leaves are mostly gone &amp; winter rains become regular.</p>	
<p><b>More Resources</b></p>	<p>Dave Wilson Nursery</p> <p>Excellent videos and more from California's top grower of bare root fruit and ornamental trees</p>	<p><a href="http://www.DaveWilson.com">www.DaveWilson.com</a></p>
	<p>UC Davis &amp; UC Master Gardener info</p>	<p><a href="http://www.homeorchard.ucdavis.edu">www.homeorchard.ucdavis.edu</a></p>
<p><b>IMPORTANT NOTE</b></p>	<p>Most tree care advice is intended for established trees and may not be appropriate for newly planted and young trees. If you are not sure, please give us a call.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.TheWishingTreeCompany.com">www.TheWishingTreeCompany.com</a></p> <p>760.753.1760</p>