

Loquat

Eriobotrya japonica



General Information

- Edible fruit
- Sun Exposure: full sun to part shade
- Water: medium watering; reduce watering in winter (see below)
- Days to harvest: About 90 days; fruits typically start to ripen in spring (around April)

Planting Guide

- Location: Loquats are wind tolerant and grow best in full sun, but also do well in partial shade
- Transplanting into the ground: when you remove the sapling from its container, rinse off some of the growing medium so that when you plant the tree, the roots come in direct contact with the soil. Plant the tree so that the soil line of the tree is even with the level of the surrounding soil
- Initial watering: water every other day to keep the roots moist. After the first week, reduce watering to twice a week in dry or hot weather for the next two to three months.

Care Guide

- Irrigation: Water once a week through the dry season and in dry winters when it hasn't rained for 5 to 7 days. Stop watering during the rainy season. Once the tree is established, avoid getting water on or near the tree's trunk. Apply water no closer than halfway between the trunk and the drip line, at a rate of 10 gallons for each inch of the tree's diameter. Mature trees planted in or near the lawn generally don't require additional water.
- Pruning: Judicious pruning should be done just after harvest
- Fertilizer: not required

Sources:

- [Growing Loquat Seeds – Learn About Loquat Seed Germination](#)
- [Loquat Tree Planting: Learning About Growing Loquat Fruit Trees](#)
- [The Water Needs of Loquats](#)
- [How to Trim a Loquat Tree](#)
- <https://www.crfg.org/pubs/ff/loquat.html>