

Patterson Apricot

Prunus armeniaca "Patterson"



General Information

- Edible
- Sun Exposure: Full Sun
- Water needs: 1 in of water weekly
- Cold Tolerance: up to -20° F
- Days to harvest: about 2 weeks
- Chill Requirement: 600 hours
- Harvest season: Mid-June, Early July

Planting Guide

- Location: Ideally, plant tree near south facing wall so that the wall can radiate heat year round to protect the tree from frost. If this is not possible, plant in a spot with full sun and well draining, loamy soil.
- Water needs: Water the plant regularly until it is well established.
- Mulch: Surround plant with mulch to keep from drying out in the spring.

Care Guide

- Pruning: Prune trees by early september to avoid fungus forming on pruning wounds during the wet season. Yearly pruning is important to avoid disease.
- Irrigation: Use a drip irrigation system to deliver 1in of water weekly.
- Fertilization: February is the best time to fertilize an apricot tree.

- Fruit Thinning: To allow fruit to grow to the largest possible size, the fruit should be thinned. Any fruit that is misshapen or flawed should be removed, as well as a few of the fruits from a cluster of 3-4. This will allow the other fruits to reach their ideal size.

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