

# Pomegranate

*Punica granatum*



## General Information

- Edible fruit: can be eaten fresh or used for jams or jellies
- Sun Exposure: Full sun
- Water needs: Dry to medium watering; drought tolerant
- Cold Tolerance: tolerates cold to 10° F
- Days to harvest: 5 to 7 months to ripen
- Harvest time: Fruit may ripen early in August-September or later in October-November

## Planting Guide

- Time of the year to plant: container-grown pomegranates can be put in the landscape at any time of the year; cuttings should be planted in the late winter or early spring; soil-filled sleeve Pomegranates should be planted during the cooler months of late winter or early spring
- Location: full sun in well draining soil. Be sure there is enough space to walk around the plant and enough height above to accommodate its mature size (height: 6 to 20 feet; spread: 4 to 15 feet). Pomegranates can be grown in containers.
- Mulch: Spread organic mulch thickly over the root zone to reduce water loss and moderate summer heat.

## Care Guide

- Irrigation: Allow the soil to dry out almost completely before watering thoroughly. Irrigate every 3-4 weeks when not fruiting. Do not water when flowering, wait until the fruit set is firmly established and all non-pollinated flowers have dropped. During fruiting, to avoid split fruit, water twice a week, a light to moderate amount, compensating for rain. To prepare the plant for winter, cut back water substantially after mid October, except for

late-ripening fruit. Then reduce watering up to 6 days before the expected harvest to speed ripening.

- Pruning: Remove suckers from roots as they appear. For the first three years, in winter, shorten the branches to encourage new shoot development. Most cultivars can be cut on top to any height desired or can be pruned into a single- or multi-trunk tree, shrub, or hedge. For a shrub, leave the 6-8 strongest vertical branches and trim the rest.
- Fertilizer: Fertilize in mid to late winter, before leaf-out, spread an organic fertilizer evenly under the canopy and at least 8" away from the trunk

Sources:

- [Growing Pomegranate: Punica granatum](#)
- [Can You Plant Pomegranates Year-Round?](#)
- <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?taxonid=286059>