

# “Red Diamond” Nectarine

*Prunus persica var. nucipersica “Red Diamond”*



## General Information

- Edible
- Sun Exposure: Full Sun
- Water needs: 1” every few weeks
- Cold Tolerance: up to -5° F
- Chill Requirement: 500-600 hours
- Harvest season: July-August

## Planting Guide

- Location: Because Nectarines are susceptible to frost, they are ideally planted next to a south facing wall which can radiate sun year round. If this is not possible, plant in a sunny spot with very well draining soil. The spot should also be sheltered from wind.
- Time of Year: Plant on a mild day from November to March.
- Water needs: For the first year, water young trees with an inch of water each week.

## Care Guide

- Pruning: Prune tree at the end of winter.
- Mulching: Spread mulch around the base of the tree to protect from frost in the winter.
- Fertilization: Fertilize with a general fertilizer while the tree is blossoming.
- Pest Prevention: Regularly inspect the tree for pests. Remove fruit debris and leaves from the base of the tree as to prevent pests.
- Fruit Thinning: Nectarine trees may require fruit thinning. While fruit is developing, remove misshapen or damaged fruit or fruit from particularly populated areas. This will prevent limb breakage and allow for the fruits to reach maximum size.

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