Caring for your Container Fruit Tree

1. For best results choose a pot that is 2 inches larger in diameter than the pot the plant is currently in. Putting the plant into a pot that is too large can lead to root problems. The pot should have adequate drainage; either holes in the bottom of the pot or a 2 inch layer of gravel.

2. A light commercial mix potting soil is recommended. Wetting the soil as you add it to the pot will ensure the soil is evenly moist at planting.

3. Place the root ball into the partially filled pot. The tree should be planted at the depth which it was previously grown. The final soil surface should be 1-4 inches below the rim of the container to allow for watering. Lightly firm the soil, water thoroughly but do not soak.

4. Trees should be placed where they will receive maximum sunlight. If growing indoors please keep them away from direct heat sources. Trees being grown outside during summer should be acclimated to lower light conditions over a period of 2 to 3 weeks, and vice versa for plants being moved outdoors.

5. Water as needed. The top couple of inches of soil should be dry to the touch before watering. Water thoroughly by slowly filling the container. Water less frequently during cool weather.


7. Trees can be pruned to reduce size and encourage branching.

8. Fruit trees usually require pollinating insects to transfer pollen in order to produce fruit. Gently shaking the tree when flowers are open or using a fine soft brush to transfer pollen amongst flowers can be a substitute.