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Apricots

Apricots make excellent landscape trees. They have beautiful foliage and flower heavily. Their fruit is delectable, sweet and tender. Unfortunately, because they bloom early, apricot flowers can be lost to spring frost. Apricots are considered difficult to grow due to their early bloom and their susceptibility to disease. Mature height is 12 to 15 feet. Hardy to -20°F.

EXPOSURE

Full sun to part shade. Be sure to plant your apricot in a protected spot in your yard. The north side of a building where it won't get the heat and sun in the winter, thus delaying its blossoming but it will receive full summer sun.

PLANTING

We recommend using **Gardner & Bloome Soil Building Compost**, **Dr. Earth Starter Fertilizer**, **Bonide Root n Grow** and **lime**. See our **Planting Guide** for further instructions. Plant 10 to 12 feet apart.

PRUNING

Prune to an open center shape. Fruit spurs bear for several years. Fruit must be thinned when about 1 inch to avoid overbearing.

FERTILIZING

Apply **lime** in the early winter, and apply **Dr. Earth Fruit Tree Fertilizer** in the early spring when you see leaf break and again in mid Summer.

MULCHING

Apply 2 to 3 inches of **Soil Building Compost** in a 3-foot diameter circle around the base of your trees annually. This will help with moisture control and weed control.

WATERING

Water weekly in the summer, make sure water penetrates 6 to 8 inches below soil surface. This is very important for fruit production, size of fruit and flavor.

SPRAYING

Spray with **Bonide Copper Fungicide** in the late fall before the rainy season, and spray again during dry spells in winter and spring. See our **Dormant Spraying Guide**.

POLLINATION

Most apricots are self fertile, but for better fruit production plant 2 different varieties.

HARVESTING

Apricots generally start fruiting 2 to 3 years after planting. Harvest is usually in August.

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