




Fact Sheet

Common name	Pomegranate		
Botanical name	<i>Punica granatum</i>		
Summary:			
<p>A shrubby tree that is deciduous in cooler climates and evergreen in warmer climates, with large edible and highly ornamental fruits, growing to 5m high and as wide. Originating from Iran and Afghanistan in ancient times, today the pomegranate is grown from the tropics to very cold climates and is favoured in the Mediterranean diet. Extremely drought tolerant, yet watering will greatly improve fruit yield. Grown as a single trunk with four or five main branches. Pruning of vigorous growth will keep the tree tidy.</p>			
Likes		Doesn't like	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cool winters • Very hot and dry summers • Most soil types 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cool summers (poor fruit size) 	
Flowers in	Spring - summer	Fruits in	Late Autumn
Care			
Planting	Plant the dormant tree in full sun.		
Pollination/ self-fertile, requires another tree	Self-fertile, another tree will increase yields but is not required.		
Pruning	Pomegranates sucker profusely, remove all suckers continually. Fruit on short spurs or shoots at the end of branches for 3-4 years. Shorten to renew fruiting wood. Cut untidy and leggy growth. Winter and summer		
Disease and pest management	The fruit is susceptible to fungal rot entering from the		
Moisture, how much and when	Maintain water from flowering to fruit, reduce watering as fruit ripen		
Feeding	Low feeder, high nitrogen NPK fertiliser if growth is inadequate		
Harvesting	Pick fruit in late autumn before heavy rain which will split fruit. be gentle as the fruit will bruise easily. Fruit will store for a month or two		

What to do when		 Prune	 Harvest	 Feed	 Pest / Disease
 Summer	Dec	•		•	
	Jan	•		•	
	Feb	•			
 Autumn	March				
	April		•		•
	May		•		•
 Winter	Jun	•	•		•
	Jul	•			
	Aug	•		•	
 Spring	Sep			•	
	Oct			•	
	Nov				

This is a rough guide only. Individual fruit tree care depends on the variety, the conditions in your garden and your personal preferences!



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