

FRUIT-GROWING IN PHILADELPHIA

Growing fruit in the urban environment of Philadelphia can be both easy and bountiful! Fruit trees can be grown in yards and community gardens and even in containers on patios and rooftops. Many types of berry bushes can be productive even in the partial shade of buildings and trees. Vines and espaliered trees can grow along the vertical spaces of walls and fences. Strawberries can thrive even in window boxes. And remember, once fruiting plants are established, they're less work than vegetables. With a little knowledge and a little patience, you can enjoy fresh fruit for years to come!

Try some of the surprisingly wide variety of fruit that can be grown in Philadelphia:

TREES

Apples- 8, 9, 10, C*, E, P
Pears & Asian Pears- 9, 10, E, P
Apricots- 7, 8
Peaches- 7, 8, C*, E
Plums- 8, 9, E, P
Cherries, Sweet- 6, 7, C*, E, P
Cherries, Tart- 6, 7, C*, S, E
Persimmons- 10, 11, P*, L
Paw Paws- 9, 10, S, P, L
Cornelian Cherry- 8, 9, L
Quinces- 10
Medlars- 11, S, L
Mulberries- 7, 8, 9, S, L
Juneberries/Serviceberries- 6, S, L
Jujubes- 7, 8, P, L

VINES

Grapes- 9, 10
Hardy Kiwis- 9, 10, P, L
Akebias- 9, 10, P, L
Maypops- 8, 9, 10, C, L

SYMBOL KEY

C- Can be grown in container plantings.
E- Tree can be espaliered.
P- May require another specimen or variety for pollination.
S- Can successfully produce fruit in some shade.
T- Tender plants may require some protection from the cold.
L- Low maintenance with few pests & diseases
*- Only applicable to certain varieties.

SHRUBS

Blackberries- 7, 8, C*, L
Raspberries- 7, 8, 9, 10, C, L
Blueberries- 6, 7, C, L
Flowering Quinces- 9, 10, P, L
Currants- 7, S, C, L
Gooseberries- 7, S, C, L
Elderberries- 8, S, P, L
Bush Cherries- 7, 8, C, L
Rose Hips- 8, 9, 10, C, L
Honeyberries- 6, C, L
Goumis- 6, C, S, L
Aronia/Chokeberries- 8, S, L
Pomegranates- 8, 9, C, T, L
Figs- 8, 9, 10, C, E, T, L
Che Fruit- 10, C, L

GROUNDCOVERS

Strawberries- 5, 6, 8, 9, S*, C, L
Lingonberries- 8, 10, S, C, L
Rhubarb- 5, 6, L
Wintergreen- 9, 10, 11, S, L

HARVEST

5- May
6- June
7- July
8- Aug
9- Sept
10- Oct
11- Nov

RECOMMENDED PLANT SOURCES (Philadelphia & Mail Order):

www.greensgrow.org
www.primexgardencenter.com
www.phillyorchards.org

www.burntridgenursery.com
www.raintreenursery.com
www.ediblelandscaping.com