

Growing Peaches & Nectarines....

Peaches and Nectarines are **self-fertile**, meaning that you will get fruit with only one tree; although better crop production is often seen when two or more trees are planted.

Peaches and Nectarines require a **light, well-drained soil and full SUN**. It's important that they are not planted in an area that has heavy, wet soil.

Although Peaches and Nectarines are hardy in our zone, make sure they are planted in an area that is **sheltered from winter winds**.

....a note about harvesting

Peaches and Nectarines are ripe and ready for harvest when they pull from the branch easily.

Look for size, color, and softness before pulling and be careful not to bruise fruit during harvest.

Peaches and Nectarines should be stored in a cool place and kept in a bag for humidity.

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A guide to selecting
the best varieties for
your garden



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Nectarines

Arctic Glo

Highly recommended for home orchards, this white-fleshed nectarine has a flavor unlike any other with a unique sweet balance of sugar and acid that it has scored very well in taste tests. Produces a huge crop of ruby red skinned fruit, ready for harvest in late July or early August. Semi-freestone and hardy to Zone 5.

Flavortop

Very vigorous and heavy-bearing tree offers fruit with exceptionally good flavor and sweetness. Fragrant pink spring flowers yield a summer harvest of large freestone fruit with yellow flesh and red skin. Cold hardy to Zone 5.

Red Gold

Red Gold Nectarine is one of the most widely planted nectarines in the country. It produces a large, yellow, freestone fruit that has a beautiful red blushed skin that covers a firm, sweet, juicy flesh. Excellent flavor for fresh eating or baking. Ripens mid-August. Cold hardy to Zone 5.

Peaches

Blushing Star

This variety provides prolific harvests of beautiful free-stone fruit that keeps well. Firm white flesh has a unique, sweet flavor and resists browning when sliced. Known for being a tough, reliable and vigorous grower with excellent resistance to bacterial spot. Cold hardy to Zone 5.

Canadian Harmony

This selection is a strong producer of large freestone fruit, with excellent shelf-life and a taste that is sweet but with a bit of acidity to balance it out. This variety is great for canning and preserving. One of the hardiest varieties to date, making it great for the northern gardener. Hardy to Zone 4.

Elberta

This spreading tree produces large, firm peaches ripening in late August. Golden yellow blushed with red. A freestone peach, resistant to brown rot. Hardy to Zone 5.

Madison

Like 'Reliance', 'Madison' is an excellent choice for northern climates with its resistance to late frosts and great cold hardiness. Heavy producer of medium size fruit with bright red skin and an orange-yellow flesh that is juicy with an absolutely wonderful taste. Freestone. Cold hardy to Zone 4.

Redhaven

Heavy bearing, well-formed tree. Resists cold and is tolerant to leaf spot. This vigorous grower ripens in late July. Beautiful red and golden yellow, medium-sized fruit is round, uniform and appealing. Disease resistant and hardy to Zone 5.

Redstar

An excellent producer giving you more than you can handle come time to harvest. Peaches are large and firm, with red skin and yellow flesh. These semi-freestone peaches have a unique sweet but tangy taste, leaving you wanting more. Excellent disease resistance, hardy to Zone 5.

Reliance

One of the hardiest of all peaches, ripens mid to late August with greenish yellow and a slight blush of red. Flesh is bright yellow, soft and juicy. Good for fresh eating, especially in colder climates. Freestone and hardy to Zone 4.

Freestone – pulls away easily from the pit.