



Through the seasons

Fruit trees can be planted at any time of year - the key is to manage the care of the trees in a seasonally appropriate way...

Autumn planting is beneficial, particularly in areas with hot summers. Trees will start to establish roots immediately, giving them a head start in spring and enabling them to have a well developed root system by summer, so they are better able to cope with dry conditions.

Winter is the traditional planting time and offers the greatest selection of varieties. This is when trees are lifted from the ground and bagged into potting mix, ready for sale. Dormancy makes them easier to handle and less likely to suffer any enduring damage. Some garden centres will also offer 'bare-rooted' trees, which can be a cheaper option. It is important to plant bare-rooted trees without delay. If weather conditions are unsuitable, or you haven't got the planting hole ready, plant them temporarily in your veg patch or a bag of untreated sawdust, so the roots don't dry out.

Spring planting is useful where winters are very cold, for sites where the ground remains wet, and for frost-tender subtropicals, like avocados. Once planted, watch for late frosts and have frost cloth at the ready!

Summer planting is still okay if you miss the boat completely! Just make sure the trees get a good drink of water every day or two — at least a bucket full.



Prepare planting holes now for winter or spring planting! Choose a sunny spot with at least 5 hours of direct sunlight a day. Dig a hole and place well rotted animal manure or sheep pellets in the base. Enrich the extracted soil with quality compost and place back in the hole till planting time.

Lady in Red



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New and improved!!

Are your old fruit trees past their use-by? Make better use of your space and replace them with new, high performance cultivars! Arriving in garden centres in June are three fabulous new varieties grafted onto dwarf rootstock:

'Lady in Red' is best known for producing the Pink Lady™ fruit — one of the world's most popular apples. Now you can grow these delicious fruit in your own back yard — sweet, juicy, crisp and best of all, kids love 'em!

'Ariane' and 'Divine™' are both naturally disease resistant varieties that blend the benefits of heritage varieties with the excellent flavour and productivity characteristics of modern selections. 'Ariane' blasts the taste buds with a balance of sweetness and sharpness, plus a hint of pear-drop flavour. 'Divine™' was derived from 'Golden Delicious', so has similar strong flavour characteristics, with a crunchy, juicy texture.

'Try before you buy' - fruit samples will be available in selected stores soon.

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