

## *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**

An old standby for nectarines, this variety is dependable and productive. This large red fruit has a sweet, juicy yellow flesh and is great for eating right off the tree. Ripens mid to late July. Cold hardy to Zone 5.

## **Merricrest**

Dependability and productivity are the hallmarks of this nectarine that is one of the most satisfying fruit trees to grow in the backyard garden. Vigorous and upright growing, this tree produces a seemingly endless supply of medium sized, freestone fruit that are bright red skinned with sweet, golden flesh. Fruit matures late July to early August, hardy to Zone 5.

# Peaches

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.