

Two types of Pears...

European Pears

These are the most common pears and what most people think of when they think of pears. They typically have a crisp skin, with a sweet flavor and buttery texture.

Asian Pears

Often called 'Apple Pears', these pears are large and round with a crisp flesh and sweet, juicy flavor.

Growing Pears

Both types of pears can tolerate more moisture than apples and peaches, but cannot tolerate standing water.

Pears are naturally vigorous growers so limit your fertilization.

....a note about harvesting

European Pears should be picked **before** they are **ripe** and allowed to ripen off the tree before they are consumed.

Asian Pears should be **left to fully ripen on the tree**. They store quite well once picked.

Pears



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A guide to
selecting the
best varieties
for your garden



Bartlett

This vigorous, productive tree bears fruit at a young age. Fruit is large, golden-yellow, with a wonderful quality. Buttery, juicy, highly flavored fruit. European pear, hardy to zone 5.

Bosc

This vigorous grower is also a vigorous producer with an exceptional crop of large, russet-brown fruit maturing in early October. Bosc's tender flesh and smooth texture is perfect for fresh eating while also being suited for canning and preserves. European pear, hardy to zone 5.

D'Anjou

The deep skin color of this mid- to late-season pear makes it great for salads and desserts. Has a superb flavor and keeps well in storage. European pear, hard to zone 5.

Moonglow

One of the best pears for the home garden, 'Moonglow' is so easy to grow with its disease resistant nature. On top of that, it also is one of the best producers in the backyard orchard delivering basket after basket of medium to large sized, dull yellow brushed pink fruit that features one of the least gritty, white flesh of any other pear with a sweet, juicy taste that makes it ideal for fresh eating or canning. 'Moonglow' fruit matures from mid August to mid September and can be pollinated by any other non-Asian pear. European pear, hardy zone 5.

Summercrisp

An exceedingly cold-hardy, early season pear. As its name suggests, it features a summer harvest generally with fruit ready to harvest in mid-August. The sweet, 3-4" long pears have crisp flesh and medium green skin with a slight red blush, as this pear ripens the skin gradually becomes yellow. Resistant to most diseases and pests. Pollinate with another early blooming pear. Cold hardy to zone 4.

Twentieth Century

This selection is one of the most sought after of the Asian Pears with smooth, greenish-yellow skin and smooth aromatic flesh that is super sweet. Twentieth Century is a highly productive tree and its upright form makes a beautiful landscape specimen that fits well into narrower spots. Ready for harvest in late August these pears store well. Self-fertile but plant with another Asian Pear for a heavier crop. Hardy to zone 5.