

# So...You want to grow a Fruit Tree?

Follow these simple Earthlife steps and you will achieve healthy productive trees for years to come. The main criteria required for establishing a healthy fruit tree is to ensure that the soil is balanced, an adequate supply of quality water is available and the planting stock is healthy and vigorous.

## PREPARATION OF SOIL PRIOR TO PLANTING

- (a) Loosen a minimum of 1 square metre of soil for each tree.
- (b) Apply products as per establishment guide (table below).
- (c) Turn over the soil and water thoroughly.
- (d) Apply mulch.

Ideally this preparation to be completed three months prior to planting, otherwise proceed from planting (table below).

## ESTABLISHMENT GUIDE

Product	Timing	Pre-plant Grams/Sq M	Planting Grams/Sq M	6 months Grams/Sq M	12 months Grams/Sq M	18 months Grams/Sq M	2 years Grams/Sq M
<b>Garden Mate</b>		300	(A)	100		200	
<b>Fruit Blend</b>		200	200	100	100	100	100
<b>Mulch (B) (cm depth)</b>		10	10	10	10	10	10

A Place 100 grams (1 handful) of Garden Mate around the bottom of the hole and 100 grams (1 handful) through or on top of backfill for every hand-span width of the hole. EG: If the hole is 3 hand-spans wide place 3 handfuls around bottom of hole, place the plant and backfill, placing another 3 handfuls through or on top of backfill. Water in as normal.

B Where mulch is not used as per guides, apply 200 gms/sqm of Garden Delight.

Note: Apply all products to a minimum of 1 square metre per tree and at least out to the drip line. Mulch may consist of hay, lawn clippings, mulched plant material, etc. Keep mulch, one hand width away from the tree trunk.

## FRUITING GUIDE

Product	Timing	After Fruit Pick Grams/Sq M	Bud Set Grams/Sq M	Flowering Grams/Sq M	After Fruit Set Grams/Sq M	1/2 Fruit Size Grams/Sq M
<b>Garden Mate</b>		100		100		100
<b>Fruit Blend</b>		200	200	100	100	100
<b>Mulch (B) (cm depth)</b>			10	10	10	

Note: To help identify pests and diseases that will reduce the productivity of your fruit tree, Earth Life Pty Ltd offers a \$10.00 service. By forwarding samples of healthy and unhealthy leaves in separate plastic bags to the address below, identification and specific recommendations will be provided. Samples will be discarded unless contact details and \$10.00 is enclosed.

## Earthlife Products      Role of Product

Garden Mate      pH maintenance, (replaces the need for lime, gypsum and dolomite), soil and plant conditioner, mineral and trace element source, beneficial micro-flora and nitrogen production where mulch is used.

Fruit Blend      Mineral based fertiliser with a balance of nutrients to achieve great taste and keeping qualities.

Garden Delight      Plant food, 100% natural, contains no manures or foul smell. Use 200 grams (2 handfuls) in place of 10cm depth of mulch as per guidelines.

For further assistance with your fruit tree, please contact us on 1800 819 003

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