



FILBERTS

Also known as hazelnuts, these trees produce small, plump nuts with a delicious flavor. The varieties we carry are cultivars of the European hazel, *Corylus avellana* and are a popular orchard crop in the Northwest. Besides yielding a delightful crop of nuts, they produce a show of highly ornamental catkins during late winter or very early spring, before the foliage emerges.

SITE: All do best in light, loamy soil that is well drained. Full sun or some afternoon shade is best. Most hazels need a compatible partner for cross pollination. They should be planted within 15 feet of each other for best results.

PRUNING: Hazels form a dense, tall thicket which can make an effective hedge. Prune out some of the older wood each winter to encourage new growth. They can also be trained as tall, multi-stemmed, vase-shaped trees by removing the root sprouts periodically.

HARVESTING: Hazels will begin producing nuts in about 2-3 years. They ripen in fall and are ready for harvesting when the husk can be removed easily. You may either hand pick them or lay a cloth under the tree and tap the limbs to make the nuts drop. Nets may be used to keep the squirrels away.

Varieties Expected for 2017

EPSILON	Delicious nuts on compact, disease resistant trees. Requires a pollinator. Hybridized at OSU.
FELIX	This variety was released as a late pollinizer for Jefferson and other varieties. Small, round, high quality nuts, resistant to Eastern Filbert Blight.
JEFFERSON	Another OSU release that blooms late and shows excellent disease and pest resistance. Yields large, flavorful nuts with well filled shells.
THETA	Late flowering, blight-immune selection from OSU produces small to med-sized nuts.