

ALMONDS



Almonds in the Pacific Northwest!?

Yes, we can grow almonds with a little protection and good drainage. Almonds are very early bloomers, and therefore should not be planted in frost pockets. The nuts require a warm, dry summer to mature. Some varieties require a second variety for cross pollination. They begin to bear in three years. The trees mature at about 15-20' tall and wide, but can be pruned to 10'.

Good drainage is essential for success. Once the trees are established they are drought tolerant. However, yields are better with regular watering. If annual growth is less than 8" a year, fertilize with a high nitrogen fertilizer in spring. Trees should be pruned to a vase shape. Fruiting spurs are productive for about five years.

Harvest almonds in fall after hulls have cracked open and partially dried. Shaking the tree will help with harvest. After harvest, remove the hulls and allow the nuts to dry for a few days. Nuts should be stored in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.

If you have questions please stop by our Information Desk. *We're happy to help!*

Varieties Expected for 2024

GARDEN PRINCE	Self-fertile! An attractive, genetic dwarf tree growing 8-12' tall with showy, light pink blossoms in March. Large clusters of excellent quality, medium sized, soft-shelled nuts. Ripens from late August to late September. May need winter protection.
HALL'S HARDY	Self-fertile! Highly ornamental with profuse flowers in late spring, followed by clusters of excellent quality, hard-shelled nuts September-Oct. Very cold hardy, blooms late thus escaping frosts.