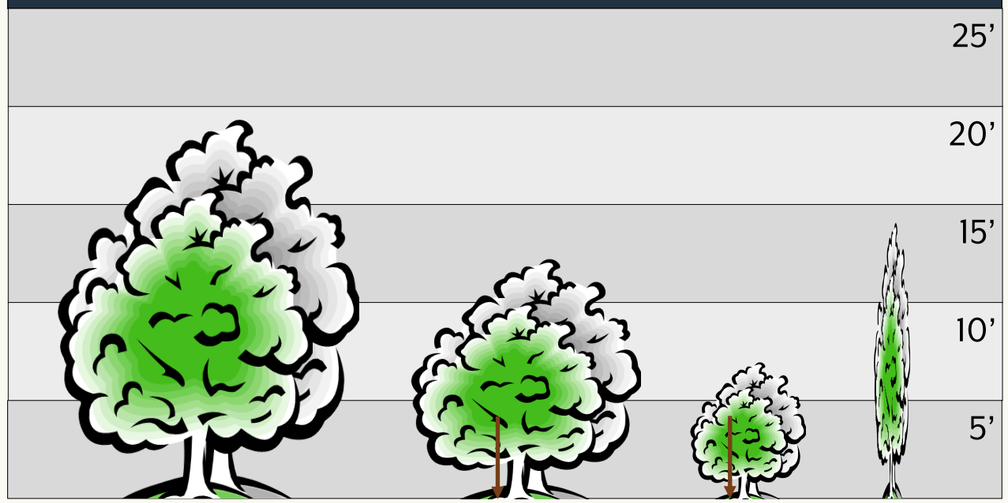
SELECTING APPLES

There are thousands of named apple varieties in the world, many with a long, rich heritage, bred for different climates, uses, and tastes. How do you choose the right trees for your yard? Start with the size of your sunny space, because every apple tree needs **at least 6-8 hours of direct sunlight** for health and fruit quality. Most varieties also need a compatible tree as pollination partner (see pollination table). The size of the tree is influenced by the rootstock it's grafted on, as illustrated below. The varieties list notes our most disease-resistant apples—and beyond that, taste is subjective!

Apple trees require care throughout the year to produce good quality fruit. We've marked our top 5 disease resistant apple varieties on the variety list; learn more about their care needs in our *Apple Care Calendar*.

APPLES: Rootstock Growth Habits



M106
16-18'

M26
10-12'
(stake)

M27
6-8'
(stake)

COLUMNAR
10-14'

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APPLE POLLINATION

- Most apple trees need pollen from a different variety to bear fruit. Choose from varieties in the same or an adjacent column below, as they will be blooming at the same time.
- Apples marked with an **S** are partially self-fertile and will usually produce enough fruit for the home gardener. A compatible pollination partner tree can increase production.
- Sterile pollen varieties are marked with a **T** for triploid. Sterile varieties *cannot* provide pollen for another tree, so it is best to match them with a self-fertile variety if you want fruit from only two trees.
- Crabapples can also pollinize apples as long as they bloom at the same time.

EARLY	EARLY-MID	MID-LATE	LATE
Amere de Berthecourt	**Ambrosia**	**Akane**	Belle de Boskoop
Chehalis - S	**Ashmead's Kernel - T**	**Arkansas Black** - T	Calville Blanc
Discovery	Cortland - s	**Braeburn** - S	**Enterprise**
Early Pink Lady	Empire - s	**Cox's Orange Pippin**	**Fuji**
Garden Delicious-S	Freedom	Criterion	**Granny Smith** - S
Gravenstein - T	Ginger Gold	Elstar	Newtown Pippin
Grimes Golden - S	Golden Russet	**Gala** - s	Northern Spy
Pink Pearl	Jonathan - s	Golden Delicious - s	Prairie Spy
Pristine	King David	**Golden Sentinel**	Red Fuji
Scarlet Surprise	**Liberty**	**Goldrush**	**Roxbury Russet**
Spartan-s	Lodi	**Honeycrisp**	Yellow Newton - S
Sunrise	Mutsu - T	Jonagold - T	
Swiss Gourmet	**Pink Lady**	**Lucy Gem/Glo**	
William's Pride	Pound Sweet	Melrose	
Wynooche Early	Red McIntosh	**Northpole**	
Yellow Transparent - s	Spitzenberg	Red/Yellow Delicious	
Zestar	**Sweet Sixteen**	Red Rome - S	
	Urban Blushing Delight	**Scarlet Sentinel**	
	White Icicle	Triumph	
CRABAPPLES		**Urban Tangy Green**	
Centennial	**CRABAPPLES**	Winesap - T	
Dolgo	**Firecracker**	Wolf River	
Whitney	Transcendent		

Note: We anticipate stocking the varieties above highlighted in **BOLD** print in spring of 2026. Others are listed to help those trying to match pollination requirements with existing trees.