

FILBERTS

Filberts, aka hazelnuts, are not just an important part of Oregon's agricultural economy — they're also the only nut tree that will fit in most urban gardens. At the border between tree and shrub, they grow to about 12-20 feet tall.

The varieties we carry are cultivars of the European hazel, *Corylus avellana*, treasured for millennia for its delicious, nutritious nuts. Besides yielding a delightful crop of nuts, they produce a show of highly ornamental catkins (the male flowers) during late winter or very early spring, before the foliage emerges. Hazels require compatible pollen partners to bear nuts. Because of genetic and timing factors, planting three varieties is generally recommended. They should be planted within 15 feet of each other for best results, and can even be planted closer to form a hazel hedge!

The filbert varieties that we carry are resistant or immune to filbert blight.

VARIETIES EXPECTED FOR 2026

JEFFERSON	Another OSU release that blooms late and shows excellent disease and pest resistance. Yields large, flavorful nuts with well filled shells.
MCDONALD	Heavy producer of delicious nuts, with high nut to shell ratio. Recent, highly blight resistant variety from OSU (2014). Longer blooming, compact habit, can be maintained at 10' tall.
POLLY O	Exceptionally vigorous, productive, blight & pest resistant introduction from OSU (2018). Excellent flavor and aroma and large size make these nuts ideal for baked goods and chocolate products.
WEBSTER	Another of the newer varieties from OSU, bred for the chocolate industry. Vigorous, open habit, productive, blight and pest resistant too. Uniform nuts with excellent flavor and aroma, ideal for blanching.
YORK	Highly disease and cold resistant, York produces pollen for a long time making it an excellent choice for pollinizing other trees.

