

Pomegranate Tree Care Guide (*Punica granatum*) - 29 Figs Nursery

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Bold Blooms, Jewel-Toned Fruit - A Desert Favorite

Quick Facts

- Sunlight: Full sun (6-8+ hrs/day)
- Hardiness Zones: 7-11
- Drought Tolerant: Very (once established)
- Fruit Bearing: 2-3 years from planting
- Size: 6-10 ft in pots, 10-20 ft in ground

In-Ground Planting

- Soil: Well-draining loam or sandy soil. Tolerates alkaline conditions.
- Watering: Weekly deep watering for first year. Established trees: every 2-3 weeks.
- Spacing: 10-15 feet apart to allow airflow and sun exposure.
- Fertilizing: Compost annually. Use low-nitrogen fertilizer in early spring if needed.
- Pruning: Prune in late winter to remove crossing branches and maintain open center.

Container Growing

- Pot Size: 15-20 gallon container minimum with good drainage.
- Soil Mix: Cactus mix or sandy potting blend with added compost.
- Watering: Deep watering 1-2 times/week during heat. Let top 2" dry between.
- Winter: Cold-hardy to about 12°F. Protect potted trees or bring inside if needed.
- Fertilizing: Monthly during growing season with balanced fertilizer.
- Repotting: Every 2-3 years to refresh soil and manage roots.

Pro Tips

- Most varieties are self-pollinating.
- Flowers attract bees and hummingbirds.
- Thin to 1 fruit per cluster for better size and fewer splits.
- Avoid overwatering during fruit set to prevent cracking.

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