☆Mahoney's

HOUSEPLANT CARE GUIDES

Citrus

CITRUS

REGION OF ORIGIN

Tropical and subtropics of southeast Asia and Oceania

LIGHT

Citrus trees are sun enthusiasts and thrive with 6-8 hours of direct sunlight daily. Place your tree near the sunniest window available, preferably a southfacing one. If natural light is limited, consider using a grow light to supplement.



We recommend True Organic Citrus and Avocado Food or Espoma Citrus Tone. Follow product instructions on these balanced citrus fertilizers during active growth. Decrease or stop fertilizing during winter.



Prune in early spring for shape and health; propagate during summer with branch cuttings in a moist peatperlite blend for best rooting success.



SOIL

For indoor citrus we recommend our Rooted Goods All-Purpose Potting Mix or Uncle Mike's Organic Potting Mix. These mixes are crafted to provide the perfect balance for enhancing water and nutrient retention, while ensuring optimal drainage and aeration. You can alternatively use Espoma's Organic Cactus Mix for potted citrus.

TEMPERATURE

Citrus trees thrive in warm temperatures but can be a bit sensitive to extreme conditions. Aim to keep them in a daytime range of 65–85°F (18–29°C), as they love warmth. While they can handle brief dips to 50°F (10°C), they are not frost-hardy and cant handle temperatures below 40°F (4°C).



Most citrus trees are considered mildly toxic to pets due to the essential oils and compounds in the leaves, peels, and fruit. If a curious pet nibbles on these parts, it could cause upset stomach, drooling, or mild discomfort. However, severe reactions are rare unless a large amount is consumed.



Citrus trees thrive on a consistent watering schedule but dislike overly wet soil. Check the top 2-3 inches of soil before watering—if it feels dry, it's time to water; if it's still moist, wait a day or two. When watering, do so thoroughly to ensure the roots are wellhydrated, allowing excess water to drain completely to prevent root rot.



Yellowing leaves can indicate magnesium deficiency. Treat with a mineral supplement like Espoma Organic Greenrock for balanced health.