

Almond Tree Care in Zones 7-9

Prunus dulcis

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

7-9

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

HEIGHT

15-30 ft

POLLINATORS

Yes

AT A GLANCE

Almonds bloom earlier than almost any other tree fruit — sometimes as early as late January in zone 8 — which makes late-spring frost the number-one yield killer outside California. Pair two cross-compatible cultivars, plant on a frost-resistant site (south-facing slope, good air drainage), and choose cultivars with moderate chill-hour requirements that bloom slightly later than 'Nonpareil'. In humid climates, hull rot and shot hole fungus require a proactive fungicide program.

PLANTING CHECKLIST

- Match site to sun requirements above before buying
- Test soil drainage — dig a 12" hole, fill with water, time it (should drain in 1-2 hrs)
- Dig hole 2x wider than rootball, same depth
- Backfill with native soil — do NOT amend the planting hole
- Water deeply at planting and weekly for first 3 weeks
- Mulch 2" deep, keep mulch 2" away from trunk/stems

FULL GUIDE WITH SOURCES

<https://outdoorplantcare.com/plants/almond-tree-care/>