

Citrus tree care in zones 9-11

Citrus sinensis

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

9-11

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

HEIGHT

15-25 ft

AT A GLANCE

Citrus in zones 9-11 needs three things: full sun, excellent drainage, and regular fertilization with a citrus-specific program. Cold tolerance varies significantly by species and variety -- know which species you are growing and its threshold. Citrus greening disease (HLB) is an existential threat in Florida and the Gulf Coast; if you are in that region, buy trees from certified nurseries only.

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

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