

Hazelnut Tree

Corylus avellana

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

4–9

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun To Partial Shade

HEIGHT

8–20 ft

AT A GLANCE

Hazelnuts are fast-bearing, adaptable nut shrubs that reward growers who plant two or more compatible cultivars for cross-pollination. In the eastern U.S., Eastern filbert blight has historically limited *Corylus avellana* plantings, but blight-resistant hybrids ('Jefferson', 'Theta', 'Yamhill') now make zone 4-9 production realistic. Expect your first small crop in years 3-4 and peak production by year 7.

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/hazelnut-tree-care/>