

# Peach tree

*Prunus persica*

## QUICK FACTS

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USDA ZONES

**5–9**

SUNLIGHT

**Full Sun**

## AT A GLANCE

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Peaches are short-lived (10-15 years) and high-maintenance. They need annual dormant pruning, heavy fruit thinning (to 6-8 inches between fruits), a spray program starting before bud swell, and vigilance against peach tree borer. The spray schedule cannot be skipped -- a peach tree without a spray program in humid-summer climates will produce little to no clean fruit within 2-3 years.

## PLANTING CHECKLIST

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- 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/peach-tree-care/>