

Pear tree

Pyrus communis

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

4–9

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

HEIGHT

20–25 ft

POLLINATORS

Yes

AT A GLANCE

European pears are harvested unripe and ripened off-tree -- harvest timing is the most commonly misunderstood aspect. Asian pears ripen on the tree and are eaten immediately. Both require a pollinator variety. Fire blight resistance is the most important variety trait to consider in humid-summer climates.

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/pear-tree-care/>