

Pecan Tree Care in Zones 6-9

Carya illinoensis

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

6-9

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

HEIGHT

30-50 ft

AT A GLANCE

Pecan tree care is genuinely demanding: trees need full sun, 30-50 feet of clearance at maturity, zinc supplementation every season, two pollen-compatible cultivars, and a serious scab-management program in humid climates. If you can commit to those requirements, a well-sited pecan delivers decades of high-calorie nut crops. Zone 5 and north: do not attempt without cold-hardy northern cultivars; even then, crop reliability is low.

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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