

Plum tree

Prunus domestica

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

4–9

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

POLLINATORS

Yes

AT A GLANCE

European plums are generally more self-fruitful, cold-hardy, and disease tolerant than Japanese plums, making them the better choice for zones 4-6 and humid-summer climates. Japanese plums produce larger, juicier fruit but require a pollinator, prefer warmer conditions, and are more susceptible to brown rot.

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

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