

# Fall 2023 Prairie Gardens Booking Order Form

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County, AB

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To Order: Enter the number of trees, shrubs or perennials you would like in the column "Order Qty." Fill out your name, phone number, and email below. Send the completed form to info@prairiegardens.org. We will respond with a confirmation, or offer substitutions as needed.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Booked:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quoted by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Payment:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Pick-Up** \_\_\_\_\_ **Pick-Up/Mail Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Botanical Name	Common Name	Size	Price	Order Qty	Extended Price
<b>Fruits</b>					
<b>A - Hardy Kiwis</b>					
Actinidia arguta 'Issai'	Issai Hardy Kiwi	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Actinidia kolmikta 'Pasha'	Arctic Kiwi Pasha (Male)	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Actinidia kolmikta 'September Sun'	Arctic Kiwi Sept. Sun (Female)	#1	\$24.95		\$0.00
<b>A - Saskatoons</b>					
Amelanchier alnifolia	Native Saskatoon	#5	\$39.95		\$0.00
Amelanchier alnifolia 'Martin'	Martin Saskatoon	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Amelanchier alnifolia 'Martin'	Martin Saskatoon	#2	\$29.95		\$0.00
Amelanchier alnifolia 'Obelisk'	Standing Ovation Saskatoon	#2	\$34.95		\$0.00
Amelanchier alnifolia 'Obelisk'	Standing Ovation Saskatoon	#5	\$49.95		\$0.00
Amelanchier alnifolia 'Smokey'	Smokey Saskatoon	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Amelanchier alnifolia 'Smokey'	Smokey Saskatoon	#2	\$29.95		\$0.00
Amelanchier alnifolia 'Thiessen'	Thiessen Saskatoon	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Amelanchier alnifolia 'Thiessen'	Thiessen Saskatoon	#2	\$29.95		\$0.00
<b>A - Asparagus</b>					
Asparagus 'Sweet Purple'	Sweet Purple Asparagus	#1	\$13.95		\$0.00
Fragaria 'Framberry'	Framberry Strawberry	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Fragaria 'Pineberry'	Pineberry Strawberry	#1	\$13.95		\$0.00
<b>A - Jerusalem Artichoke/Sunchoke</b>					
Helianthus tuberosus	Jerusalem Artichoke	#1	\$13.95		\$0.00
<b>A - Perennial Sweet Grass</b>					
Hierochloe odorata	Sweet Grass	#1	\$13.95		\$0.00
<b>A - Sea Buckthorn/Sea Berry</b>					
Hippophae rhamnoides 'Askola'	Askola Sea Buckthorn (Female)	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Hippophae rhamnoides 'Askola'	Askola Sea Buckthorn (Female)	#2	\$29.95		\$0.00

Hippophae rhamnoides 'Leikora'	Leikora Sea Buckthorn (Female)	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Hippophae rhamnoides 'Leikora'	Leikora Sea Buckthorn (Female)	#2	\$29.95		\$0.00
Hippophae rhamnoides 'Pollmix'	Pollmix Sea Buckthorn (Male)	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Hippophae rhamnoides 'Silver Star'	Silver Star Sea Buckthorn (Male)	#2	\$29.95		\$0.00
<b>A - Brewer's Hops</b>					
Humulus lupulus 'Cascade' Hops	Cascade Brewer's Hops	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Humulus lupulus 'Nugget' Hops	Nugget Brewer's Hops	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Humulus lupulus 'Willamette' Hops	Willamette Brewer's Hops	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
<b>A - Haskap/Honeyberry</b>					
Lonicera caerulea 'Aurora'	Aurora Haskap/Honeyberry	#5	\$39.95		\$0.00
Lonicera caerulea 'Boreal Beauty'	Boreal Beauty Haskap/Honeyberry	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Lonicera caerulea 'Boreal Blizzard'	Boreal Blizzard Haskap/Honeyberry	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Lonicera caerulea 'Combo'	Combo Haskap/Honeyberry	#5	\$49.95		\$0.00
Lonicera caerulea 'Honey Bee'	Honey Bee Haskap/Honeyberry	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Lonicera caerulea 'Honey Bee'	Honey Bee Haskap/Honeyberry	#2	\$29.95		\$0.00
Lonicera caerulea 'Indigo Gem'	Indigo Gem Haskap/Honeyberry	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Lonicera caerulea 'Indigo Gem'	Indigo Gem Haskap/Honeyberry	#2	\$29.95		\$0.00
<b>A - Goji Berry</b>					
Lycium barbarum	Goji Berry	#2	\$29.95		\$0.00
<b>A - Apples</b>					
Malus Antonovka	Antonovka	#5 (3' whip)	\$75.00		\$0.00
Malus 'Boris'	Boris Apple	#5 (3' whip)	\$85.00		\$0.00
Malus Fallawater	Fallawater Apple B118	#5 (3' whip)	\$85.00		\$0.00
Malus Fireside	Fireside Apple B118	#5 (3' whip)	\$59.95		\$0.00
Malus 'Gloria'	Gloria Apple	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
Malus 'Goodland'	Goodland Apple	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
Malus 'Honeycrisp'	Honeycrisp Apple	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
Malus 'Honeycrisp'	Honeycrisp Apple	#10	\$165.00		\$0.00
Malus 'Honeycrisp'	Honeycrisp Apple	#15	\$215.00		\$0.00
Malus 'Jefcutts'	Gemini Apple	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
Malus 'Minnewashta'	Zestar!® Apple	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
Malus 'Norkent'	Norkent Apple	#10	\$165.00		\$0.00
Malus 'Norkent'	Norkent Apple	#15	\$215.00		\$0.00

Malus 'Nova Easygro'	Nova Easygro Apple B118	#5 (3' whip)	\$85.00		\$0.00
Malus 'Prairie Magic'	Prairie Magic® Apple	#5	\$115.00		\$0.00
Malus 'Prairie Magic'	Prairie Magic® Apple	#7	\$95.00		\$0.00
Malus 'Red Wonder'	Red Wonder Apple (Red-fleshed)	#5 (3' whip)	\$85.00		\$0.00
Malus 'September Ruby'	September Ruby Apple	#7	\$95.00		\$0.00
Malus 'Strathcona Gold'	Strathcona Gold Apple	#5 (5' whip)	\$85.00		\$0.00
Malus Tolman Sweet	Tolman Sweet Apple B118	#5 (3' whip)	\$85.00		\$0.00
Malus Viking	Viking B118	#5 (3' whip)	\$85.00		\$0.00
Malus Wealthy	Wealthy (ant.)	#5 (3')	\$95.00		\$0.00
Malus Westland	Westland Apple B118	#5 (3' whip)	\$85.00		\$0.00
Malus Whitney	Whitney Applecrab (ant.)	#5 (3' whip)	\$85.00		\$0.00
<b>A - Dwarf Apples</b>					
Malus Dwarf Cortland Nova Red	Dwarf Cortland Nova Red B9	#5 (3' whip)	\$85.00		\$0.00
Malus 'Dwarf Gemini'	Dwarf Gemini Apple	#5 4'	\$85.00		\$0.00
Malus 'Dwarf Goodland'	Dwarf Goodland Apple	#5 3'	\$85.00		\$0.00
Malus Dwarf 'Honeycrisp'	Dwarf Honeycrisp Apple	#5 5-6'	\$95.00		\$0.00
Malus Dwarf Kerr	Dwarf Kerr Apple B9	#5 (3' whip)	\$85.00		\$0.00
Malus 'Dwarf Norkent'	Dwarf Norkent Apple	#5 3'	\$85.00		\$0.00
Malus Dwarf 'Norland'	Dwarf Norland Apple	#5 5-6'	\$95.00		\$0.00
Malus Dwarf 'Parkland'	Dwarf Parkland Apple	#5 5-6'	\$95.00		\$0.00
Malus 'Dwarf Red Gemini'	Dwarf Red Gemini Apple	#5 3'	\$85.00		\$0.00
Malus 'Dwarf Red Sparkle'	Dwarf Red Sparkle Apple	#5 4'	\$85.00		\$0.00
Malus Dwarf Sweet Sixteen	Dwarf Sweet Sixteen Apple B9	#5 (3' whip)	\$85.00		\$0.00
Malus Dwarf Yellow Gravenstein	Dwarf Yellow Gravenstein B9	#5 (3' whip)	\$85.00		\$0.00
<b>A - Edible Ferns</b>					
Matteuccia struthiopteris	Native Fern	#1	\$13.95		\$0.00
<b>A - Plums &amp; Cherry Plums</b>					
Prunus b. 'Coutts #3'	Coutts #3 Cherry Plum	#5 4'	\$85.00		\$0.00
Prunus b. 'Coutts #3'	Coutts #3 Cherry Plum	#7	\$95.00		\$0.00
Prunus b. Jefchum	Mustang Cherry Plum	#5 4'	\$95.00		\$0.00
Prunus b. Opata	Opata Cherry Plum	#5 (2-3')	\$85.00		\$0.00
Prunus b. Opata	Opata Cherry Plum	#7	\$125.00		\$0.00
Prunus 'Acme'	Acme Plum	#5 (3-5')	\$95.00		\$0.00
Prunus 'Fofonoff'	Fofonoff Plum	#5 (1.5-3' whip)	\$85.00		\$0.00

Prunus 'Mount Royal'	Mount Royal Plum	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
Prunus 'Mount Royal'	Mount Royal Plum	#10	\$165.00		\$0.00
Prunus 'Hardygold'	Hardygold Plum	#5 (3-5')	\$95.00		\$0.00
Prunus 'Patterson Pride'	Patterson Pride Plum	#5 (2-3')	\$95.00		\$0.00
Prunus 'Pembina'	Pembina Plum	#7	\$95.00		\$0.00
Prunus 'Perfection'	Perfection Plum	#5 (2-3')	\$85.00		\$0.00
Prunus 'Pipestone'	Pipestone Plum	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
Prunus 'Ptitsin 5'	Ptitsin #5 Plum	#5 (1.5-3' whip)	\$85.00		\$0.00
Prunus Queen of Hearts Plum	Queen of Hearts Plum	#7	\$95.00		\$0.00
Prunus 'Sprout's Sunshine'	Sprout's Sunshine Plum	#5 (1.5-3' whip)	\$85.00		\$0.00
Prunus 'Tecumseh'	Tecumseh Plum	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
Prunus 'Toka'	Toka Plum	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
Prunus 'Toka'	Toka Plum	#10	\$165.00		\$0.00
Prunus 'Underwood'	Underwood Plum	#5 (3-5')	\$95.00		\$0.00
Prunus 'Valton'	Valton Plum	#5 (3-5')	\$95.00		\$0.00
<b>A - Apricots</b>					
Prunus mandshurica 'Casino'	Casino Apricot	#5	\$95.00		\$0.00
Prunus mandshurica 'Casino'	Casino Apricot	#7	\$125.00		\$0.00
Prunus mandshurica 'Debbie's Gold'	Debbie's Gold Apricot	#7	\$165.00		\$0.00
<b>A - Sour Cherries</b>					
Prunus cer. 'Evans'	Evans Sour Cherry	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
Prunus cerasus 'CH5-31-32-3'	Cutie Pie Sour Cherry	#2	\$34.95		\$0.00
Prunus kerrasis 'Carmine Jewel'	Carmine Jewel Cherry	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
Prunus kerrasis 'Crimson Passion'	Crimson Passion Cherry	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
Prunus kerrasis 'Crimson Passion'	Crimson Passion Cherry	#10	\$165.00		\$0.00
Prunus kerrasis 'Cupid'	Cupid Cherry	#2	\$34.95		\$0.00
Prunus kerrasis 'Cupid'	Cupid Cherry	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
Prunus kerrasis 'Cupid'	Cupid Cherry	#10	\$165.00		\$0.00
Prunus kerrasis 'Juliet'	Juliet Cherry	#2	\$34.95		\$0.00
Prunus kerrasis 'Juliet'	Juliet Cherry	#5	\$95.00		\$0.00
Prunus kerrasis Meteor	Meteor Cherry	#5 (1.5-	\$75.00		\$0.00
Prunus kerrasis North Star	North Star Cherry	#5 (1.5-	\$75.00		\$0.00
Prunus kerrasis 'Romeo'	Romeo Cherry	#2	\$34.95		\$0.00
Prunus kerrasis 'Romeo'	Romeo Cherry	#10	\$165.00		\$0.00
Prunus kerrasis 'Valentine	Valentine Cherry	#2	\$34.95		\$0.00
Prunus kerrasis 'Valentine	Valentine Cherry	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
<b>A - Rhubarb</b>					
Rheum 'Canada Red'	Canada Red Rhubarb	#1	\$13.95		\$0.00
Rheum 'Strawberry Red'	Strawberry Red Rhubarb	#1	\$13.95		\$0.00
<b>A - Currants</b>					
Ribes nigrum Titania	Titania Black Currant	#2	\$34.95		\$0.00
Ribes rubrum	Red Currant	#2	\$34.95		\$0.00

Ribes rubrum 'Rovada'	Rovada Red Currant	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
<b>A - Gooseberries &amp; Jostaberries</b>					
Ribes 'Hinnonmaki'	Hinnonmaki Gooseberry	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Ribes 'Hinnonmaki'	Hinnonmaki Gooseberry	#2	\$29.95		\$0.00
Ribes hirtellum	Pixwell Gooseberry	#2	\$29.95		\$0.00
Ribes 'Jahn's Prairie'	Jahn's Prairie Gooseberry	#2	\$29.95		\$0.00
Ribes lacustre	Black Gooseberry	#2	\$29.95		\$0.00
Ribes josta	Josta Berry	#2	\$29.95		\$0.00
<b>A - Raspberries</b>					
Rubus 'Double Delight'	Double Delight Raspberry	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Rubus 'Nova'	Nova Raspberry	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Rubus 'Royalty Purple'	Royalty Purple Raspberry	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Rubus 'Souris'	Souris Raspberry	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
<b>A - Blueberries</b>					
Vaccinium 'Combo'	Combo Blueberry (3 kinds)	#2	\$39.95		\$0.00
Vaccinium 'Combo'	Combo Blueberry (3 kinds)	#5	\$65.00		\$0.00
Vaccinium 'Polaris'	Polaris Blueberry	#2	\$29.95		\$0.00
Vaccinium 'St. Cloud'	St. Cloud Blueberry	#2	\$34.95		\$0.00
<b>A - Cranberries</b>					
Viburnum opulus 'SMNVODR' P29888	Oh Canada™ Cranberry	#2	\$34.95		\$0.00
<b>A - Grapes</b>					
Vitis 'Beta'	Beta Grape	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Vitis 'Beta'	Beta Grape	#2	\$34.95		\$0.00
Vitis 'Bluebell'	Bluebell Grape	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Vitis 'Bluebell'	Bluebell Grape	#2	\$34.95		\$0.00
Vitis 'Brianna'	Brianna Grape	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Vitis 'Marquette'	Marquette Grape	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Vitis 'Minnesota 78'	Minnesota 78 Grape	#2	\$34.95		\$0.00
Vitis Morden Concord	Blue Ice Grape	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Vitis Severnji	Severnji Grape	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
<b>Nuts</b>					
<b>A - Hazelnuts</b>					
Corylus cornuta	Beaked Hazelnut	#2	\$34.95		\$0.00
Corylus cornuta	Beaked Hazelnut	#5	\$39.95		\$0.00
<b>A - Butternuts &amp; Walnuts</b>					
Juglans nigra	Black Walnut	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
<b>A - Oaks</b>					
Quercus ellipsoidalis 'Bailskies'	Majestic Skies Northern Pin Oak	#10	\$165.00		\$0.00
Quercus jackiana 'Jefmir'	Admiration Hybrid Oak	#7	\$165.00		\$0.00
Quercus macrocarpa	Bur Oak	#5	\$95.00		\$0.00
<b>Ornamental Trees &amp; Shrubs</b>					
Acer platanoides 'Prairie Splendor'	Prairie Splendor Norway Maple	#10	\$165.00		\$0.00
Aesculus glabra	Ohio Buckeye	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00

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Betula 'Crimson Frost'	Crimson Frost Birch	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
Celastrus 'Bailumn' PP19811	Autumn Revolution Bittersweet	#2	\$34.95		\$0.00
Clematis 'Multi Blue'	Multi Blue Clematis	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Cornus sericea	Red Osier Dogwood	#2	\$29.95		\$0.00
Humulus lupulus 'Bianca'	Golden Hops	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Hydrangea pan 'Kolmakilima' 'Moonrock' (BE)	Moonrock Hydrangea	#2	\$34.95		\$0.00
Hydrangea pan. 'DVPPinky'	Pinky Winky Hydrangea (Top-graft) Tree form	#5	\$155.00		\$0.00
Juniperus scop. 'Moonglow'	Moonglow Juniper	#5	\$125.00		\$0.00
Malus 'Jefnite'	Midnite Spire Rosybloom Crabapple	#25 1.75"	\$375.00		\$0.00
Malus 'Makamik'	Makamik Flowering Crabapple	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
Malus 'Thunderchild'	Thunderchild Flowering Crabapple	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
Parthenocissus quinquefolia	Virginia Creeper	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Parthenocissus quinquefolia	Virginia Creeper	#2	\$29.95		\$0.00
Parthenocissus quinquefolia engelmannii	Engelman Ivy	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Parthenocissus quinquefolia engelmannii	Engelman Ivy	#2	\$29.95		\$0.00
Picea abies 'Nidiformis'	Bird's Nest Spruce	#2	\$34.95		\$0.00
Picea p. 'Baby Blue'	Baby Blue Spruce	#5	\$75.00		\$0.00
Pinus mugo 'Big Tuna'	Big Tuna Mugo Pine	#5	\$125.00		\$0.00
Pinus mugo 'Pumilio'	Dwarf Mugo Pine	#1	\$19.95		\$0.00
Prunus triloba 'Multiplex'	Double Flowering Plum	#2	\$34.95		\$0.00
Prunus virg. 'Bailey Select'	Bailey's Select Schubert	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
Rosa 'Therese Bugnet'	Therese Bugnet Rose	#2	\$29.95		\$0.00
Rosa 'Yukon Sun'	Yukon Sun Rose	#2	\$34.95		\$0.00
Salix alba 'Vitellina'	Golden Willow	#1	\$13.95		\$0.00
Salix alba 'Vitellina'	Golden Willow	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
Salix 'Prairie Cascade'	Prairie Cascade Weeping Willow	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
Syringa reticulata	Japanese Tree Lilac	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
Syringa reticulata 'Ivory Silk'	Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac	#5	\$85.00		\$0.00
Syringa reticulata 'Ivory Silk'	Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac	#7	\$125.00		\$0.00
Syringa v. 'Mme. Lemoine'	Mme. Lemoine French Lilac	#2	\$34.95		\$0.00
Thuja occidentalis 'Skybound' Cedar	Skybound Cedar	#10	\$165.00		\$0.00
Tilia americana	American Linden, Basswood	#10	\$165.00		\$0.00
Wisteria macrostachya 'Blue Moon'	Blue Moon Wisteria	#2	\$39.95		\$0.00
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**Mailing Address:** PO Box 119, T0A 0K0, Bon Accord, AB **Farm Pick-Up Address:** 56311 Lily Lake Rd, Sturgeon County, AB (Please use **Google Maps** if you need to locate us. [Apple Maps is incorrect!!](#))

**Directions (from Edmonton):** Take the Anthony Henday north to the Cold Lake Exit onto 97st/HWY28. Exit north onto HWY 28. Continue north on HWY 28 for 25km until you reach the town of Bon Accord. Stay on HWY 28 and continue past Bon Accord for 1km. Turn left onto Lily Lake Rd (RANGE RD 235). Continue on Lily Lake Rd north for 2km. Prairie Gardens is located on the right - look for our signs.

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All plants are guaranteed to be true to name, in good condition when sold, an to grow, providing they receive the correct installation, site coditions, watering and regular care.

Plants are a living, perishable product and their survival is directly dependent on the care you provide. Death by lack of care (too dry) or killing with kindness (too wet), or by dog, deer, moose, mouse, rabbit, rototiller, herbicide or hail storm (for example) is not covered.

Should the plant fail to survive within 1 year from the date of purchase, Prairie Gardens will provide a one time credit for 50% of the original purchase price toward new product (excluding any delivery and installation costs.) Cedars, vines and borderline hardy plants are guaranteed for 90 days, no later than September 30th of the same year of purchase. Trees/shrubs planted in above-ground level containers are not warrantied. There are no cash refunds on plant material.

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3. The plants **must** have been properly planted and cared for. *Please refer to our planting instructions below.* Please note: *having a 3rd party install plants on your behalf (contract landscaper, for example) voids the warranty.*

4. The dead plant **must** be returned. Please don't wait until it has perished before you call! Often some small tweaks can save the plant long before it dies. We are here to help you have success! Call Tam or Laurel -- 780-921-2272 for great horticultural advice!

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Trees can easily take several weeks to begin coming out of dormancy in the spring, be patient and keep watering. If they are dormant, they can be transported in the back of a pick-up truck. If they are leafed out, they will need wind protection – ideally a covered van or trailer, or a well secured tarp. Please bring tarps with you when you come to pick-up.

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For best results, we recommend planting your trees rightaway. If you are unable to plant as soon as possible, we suggest putting them in a cool, shady place such the north side of your house, away from sunlight and heat. To make sure the trees don't dry out, make sure to give their roots good drink of water. Maintain moisture in the pot (check daily) until planted. How much water? (Rule of thumb: 1gallon pot – 1 gallon of water. 2 gallon – 2 gallons of water.) - when dry. If already moist, they do not need more. Check with your finger to see.

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When you receive dormant material, it will require even moisture and warmer temperatures to break dormancy to begin to plump bud and unfurl leaves. It is ok to plant it dormant – just know it will take some time before it leafs out. It is helpful to wet the stem and branches of the tree to keep the buds from drying out as you water once planted. The temperature of both soil and air directly affect how long a tree takes to “break bud”. Extended periods of below normal temps may delay leaf emergence. Keeping the branches (and buds) moist will help prevent the buds from drying out.

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Orchards: full-size apples and pears 18 feet apart ; Apricot and plum trees should be planted 15 feet apart; Dwarf apples or sour cherries can be closer, 6 to 8 feet apart in a row. Berries (Check tag for mature size and space accordingly). For spacing specific varieties, please refer to the tag.

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Size of roots will vary with pot sizes. We recommend digging a hole 2 to 4 times wider than the container, and slightly deeper. Bigger is better as it loosens the soil and gives you space to add more topsoil around the roots. You can help your tree grow faster by back filling with good topsoil into a tree hole if your topsoil is scant, you’ve hit clay, or your soil is very sandy or peat mossy. The ultimate goal is to plant the root ball just 1” below the soil surface. If the root ball is sticking out, it will act like a wick and dry the root ball out too quickly. Any deeper, and the roots of the tree will suffocate. Roots need oxygen as much as water, and can’t grow back to the surface if planted more than an inch below. Check you are at the right depth by placing the pot in the hole to make adjustments.

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Lay the tree on its side on the ground. Pull the pot off if possible or cut it off with a utility knife. It helps to tap the outside of the container to loosen the edge. Carefully slide the tree from the container. Avoid pulling on the tree as this may break your root ball. Be careful not to break the root ball apart. Special note: if roots are circling the bottom of the pot, use a knife to cut through them in 4 places. Do not pull roots out of root ball. Lower the root ball into the hole. Check for the right depth, and to ensure tree is straight, not leaning as you backfill soil around the root ball. Pull the soil around the roots, and firm with your hands. Then water in - to make sure there are no air pockets around the roots. Do not compact the soil by stomping it with your feet. Roots need soft soil to grow into easily. Do not add bone-meal, straw, chemicals or any other additives to the soil. Do not replant the grass around the tree as it will compete with the tree for moisture, unless it is a sour cherry or a plum. Then plant the grass back, as it will compete for moisture to ensure the tree goes dormant properly in the fall.

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One of the most important things you can do for new fruit trees is help them to become established in their environment. Once established, fruit trees are practically self-reliant! Construct a water-holding basin around the tree. Slowly add water. As a rule of thumb, for every foot in height, give a gallon of water. We recommend watering every 7 to 10 days during the first year. Soggy roots are dead roots – so don't overdo it. Pay close attention on hot days over 30C. Master Gardener tip: Insert your finger about 3" deep into the soil around the root ball every week. If it feels moist – it is ideal. No moisture? Water it. Not sure? Take a long screwdriver and try to push it into the root ball. If it goes in easy – it's too wet. If it won't go in – it's too dry. After August 15, start watering them less, and let them slowly dry down and to go dormant (about 2 weeks before killing frost in September). It's important that your new trees or shrubs receive regular waterings for the first two years after planting – called the establishment period. If they dry out to the point their leaves are in a flat wilt or crisp - they can die. Until their roots are established, they are very fragile trees, and they deserve your attention for the investment you have made. In the fall, after the leaves have fallen off, prior to freeze-up, make sure they have been watered them in very well to have moisture available to them in the spring. After year two, fill in your water basin with soil (add a max of 1" per year of soil until it is slightly mounded around the tree trunk).

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Invest in a soil test! In Alberta, the best time to fertilize new fruit trees is in early spring, starting at bud-break and finishing by June 1st. This provides nutrients when trees need them most. Do not fertilize after June 1. We recommend using a water soluble root builder 9-45-15 or organic fertilizer mixed in water for immediate uptake to encourage root development for the first 2 years. We do not recommend bone meal, as releases slowly—and encourages late season growth in August, just when your tree should be starting to go dormant. Too late in the season can cause trees to grow when they should be shutting down for the winter. This tender new growth, when pushed too late in the season, is susceptible to winter injury. After establishment years, use a balanced organic or water soluble solution: 2-2-2, 5-7-9 or 20-20-20 at label rates prior to June 1st.

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We recommend that you keep the weeds away from your seedlings to prevent nutrient and water competition in a 1-2 -foot radius around the tree.