



ADDITIONAL apple tree information:

POLLINATION

The only way to insure a crop is to have adequate pollination. To have cross-pollination in an orchard, there must be more than one variety in each planting. The best production comes from orchards with at least three varieties.

TRAINING

At planting, head back the tree 10-15 inches above the highest useful lateral. All laterals below 20-24 inches are removed. Secure the tree to a stake placed 6" away on the windward side of the tree. Once the chosen leader has grown 12", tie it to the stake.

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PRUNING

The first summer is when pruning is most important. Eliminate upright branches that compete with the chosen leader. Once producing fruit, the lower scaffolds of the tree are shortened using stuffing cuts into two-year wood. During the fruiting years, maintenance pruning is performed which renews the upper scaffolds.

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