

# **LEMON TREE TIPS**

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## **Plenty Sun**

Lemons are a desert plant.

More sun the better.

Plant by reflective walls for more heat.



### **Limited Wind**

Air-flow good, windy not so good. Find a protected location. Build windscreens if necessary.



## Well-Drained

Roots can rot or get fungi. Mound up if necessary. Soil should easily drain.



## Watering

2" dry before re-watering.

New Plants, water 2x/week first Month.

Generally, once a week watering.



## **Spring/Fall Pruning**

Remove dead wood & water sprouts.

Open the canopy to breath.

Shape the perimeter.



#### **Remove Suckers**

Rootstock below grafts will sprout "suckers". Remove "sucker" from rootstock. Mature canopy reduces suckers.



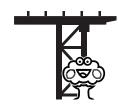
## **Pot Planting**

Tall rather than wide pot. Block off ground for air flow. Re-pot every 3-4 years.



## **Ground Planting**

Seek sunny, low wind & well-drained. 10' away from buildings. Typical lemons are 15-20 ft drip lines.



#### **Support Structures**

Pergolas & trellises support heavy fruit. Encourage horizontal flowers/fruiting. Pergolas ideally 7' clear height.



#### Trunk Health

Keep mulch 6" away from trunk. Use weed whacker guards. Use 1:1 latex paint/water sunscreen.



#### **Citrus Fetilizers**

Available at harware stores.

Apply Spring through Summer.

Follow application directions.



#### **Pest Control**

Spray soft leaves as bugs like them. Neem Oil or Dawn Dish Soap: 2Tb/Gal. Use toothbrush to loosen bugs.



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