



Sierra View Nursery Inc.

Fig Tree Care

Fig Trees are easy to grow! The fruit can be eaten fresh or dried for cooking and baking. Fig trees do well in containers and almost any type of soil. Figs can be kept to any size by regular summer pruning.

Planting

Fig trees prefer full sun to light shade. Dig twice as wide and just as deep as the root ball. Enrich soil from hole with 1 cup **Down-To-Earth Starter Mix** and a 50/50 mixture of **REDI-GRO Planting Mix** with your original soil. Inspect root ball and remove any broken or dried roots. Place tree in hole and fill with amended soil, firming soil around root ball as you are filling to avoid air pockets. After planting, water the tree to settle the soil firmly around the roots. When transplanting head tree back to develop lateral branches and reduce stress. Try to keep the root ball intact to minimize root disturbance. If the root system is damaged during transplanting, water uptake will be reduced, and the tree will suffer.

Watering

Give special attention to soil moisture management in the first few years. Young fig tree roots are close to the soil surface and prone to drying out. Mulching around trees with a 2-3" layer of **Walk-On Supreme Mulch** will help to maintain uniform soil moisture and prevent weeds. Do not over water in soils with poor drainage, this forces oxygen out of the soil making tree prone to root rot. Good water management, including regular irrigation and mulching, helps maintain tree health and vigor preventing fruit drop.

Pruning

Figs do not require regular pruning once established. Prune fig trees annually during the first 3 growing seasons to establish desired shape. In subsequent years, only prune to stimulate new growth or control height. Fig can bear fruit in fall on the previous year's growth, so heavy pruning will result in lighter crops the following season. It is best to prune immediately after main crop is harvested in the fall. Heavily pruned fig trees can be susceptible to sun burn, so it is a great idea to whitewash trees after heavy summer pruning with white tree paint. Remove all weak or diseased or dead limbs each dormant season.

Fertilizing

Fertilize young trees monthly with **Agrothrive fruit and flower** fertilizer for the first 3 years. Established trees do not require regular fertilizing. The one exception being trees planted in containers, which should be fertilized 3 times per year with **Down-To-Earth Fruit Tree** fertilizer.