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## OTHER FRUIT TREE INFO

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Figs are cold hardy, self-fruitful, disease and pest resistant, and can grow in the Pacific Northwest. Most varieties with green flesh can grow and ripen in Oregon, with little to no help, making them a great addition to any yard. Some varieties have a harder time ripening in the PNW but can be encouraged to ripen with a little extra help when planting. Choose a spot with all day sun that gets a dose of reflected heat, either from a bright side of a house, pavement, or a grow tunnel. Figs grow naturally in a Mediterranean climate and therefore are quite drought tolerant, requiring little to no irrigation once established, preferring and ripening better with less irrigation.

### PEACH TREE CARE

With newer varieties coming out, it is getting easier to grow peaches in western Oregon, but it is far from their ideal climate, and thus are prone to certain diseases and will need a pest management strategy to grow and produce a good yield. Most peach trees are self-fruitful, and grow to be about 20' tall and wide. Peaches want full sun with well-draining soil and good irrigation.

### PERSIMMON

Persimmon are disease/pest resistant and can grow nicely in the Willamette Valley, but depending on the variety and year, may have a hard time ripening. There are two main types of persimmon, astringent and non-astringent. Astringent persimmon must become very ripe before they are no longer astringent, but it is worth it because the flavor is lovely. Non-astringent varieties can be picked and eaten when they are firm and lightly sweet or, wait till they become very ripe when they are soft and full of flavor. Persimmon prefer full sun with well-draining soil, it is best to plant them in an area where they will get reflected heat, such as next to a bright house, or near pavement.

### QUINCE

Quince are a naturally dwarf fruit tree that are disease and pest resistant and grow great in the PNW. Quince produce large, hard, aromatic fruit. The fruit is not used for fresh eating, as it is very astringent, but makes tasty bright crimson jelly, and wonderful additions to baked goods. Not to mention they have lovely blooms and the long-lasting fruit makes great additions to fruit bowls and center pieces. Quince prefer full sun with well-draining soil, but can tolerate wetter conditions and clayey soil.