

Frequently Asked Questions

How much space do I need for an apple tree? How big will it grow?

Well that depends! An apple tree planted by itself and left to grow can reach a size of 15-18ft (4.5-5.5m). However, trees can also be pruned and trained to fit into much smaller spaces. If you have space for lots of trees, we recommend you plant them 5-6 metres apart.

NB: Fruit trees grow bigger on clay soils and less on sandy soils



Trees can be trained to take up less space in a small garden.

What rootstock will the trees be?

We are ordering trees which are **MM106 rootstock**, which grow vigorously. This makes them suitable for training, can be pruned for small gardens and will also be happy planted in a half-barrel sized plant pot.

How are trees pollinated?

Apple trees are mainly pollinated by bees. If you live in a reasonably populated area like Southampton, you can be almost certain that your single apple tree will be pollinated successfully by your neighbour's apple trees.

Most fruit trees produce heavier crops when pollinated by another variety of the same type of fruit flowering at the same time. If you are purchasing more than one apple tree, we recommend you order more than one variety of tree, which flower at a similar time.

How big will the tree be on arrival?

When you pick up your tree, it will be approx. 4 and 6 feet tall (1.2-1.8 metres).

How long will I have to wait to get fruit?

MM106 rootstock trees will crop two years after planting and give good crops by year five.

Should the trees be pruned in the first year?

One year old trees should be pruned shortly after planting before they come into leaf. Do this by reducing the growth by 30-40cm to a bud. Most trees will then stand at about 1.2m when planted and pruned. The pruning will encourage cropping branches lower down the tree.