



APPLE TREE FAQs

-Our apple varieties are all standards, and will reach 20-25 feet when mature, which can take 10-15 years, though size can be controlled by pruning. -All apples require cross-pollination with another variety! This is extremely important- if you want lots of fruit, you MUST plant more than one variety! (Flowering crab trees can also pollinate apples, but other apple varieties will give you the best pollination).

Cortland:

- Produces beautiful round, ruby-red fruits. Fruit is tender and tangy-sweet, and the snow-white flesh does not turn brown quickly like most varieties
- Great for fresh eating (especially good in salads), baking and in pies
- Ripens mid-September
- Can't be refrigerated long-term, but it's great for freezing
- Consider pairing with Honey Gold for great pollination potential

Haralred:

- Bright, dark-red, medium-sized fruit, which is juicy and tart with a firm texture
- Fantastic choice for northern climates! Thrives even in our cold winters
- Fruit ripens in late September
- Very hardy variety from the University of Minnesota
- Do not plant as a pollinator for Haralson, but it's great for the other varieties

Haralson:

- Fruit yellow with many red stripes, with pale, crisp flesh
- Great choice for ciders or for fresh eating. Also superb for baking since it holds its texture well
- Harvest in late September
- Can be refrigerated for up to 6 months
- Has good resistance to fire blight and cedar-apple rust

Honey Crisp:

- Fruit color is mottled red over yellow, and will be more intensely with more sun exposure
- Apples are crisp and juicy and very sweet. One of the best varieties for flavor
- Harvest in mid/late September, or leave the fruit on the tree for a few weeks and flavor will intensify
- Can be refrigerated for up to 7 months!
- Great choice to pollinate other varieties, and it's a University of MN variety, so it's super hardy

Honey Gold:

- Fruit is smooth and yellow, with yellow flesh
- Excellent fresh or for baking and sauces
- Ripens later than other varieties
- Can be refrigerated for 3 months, and is also good for freezing
- Especially good for pollinating Cortland

Zestar:

- Red and yellow fruit, with crisp texture and "brown sugar"-like taste
- Great for fresh eating and cooking
- Ripens early- harvest in late August or early September
- Can be refrigerated for 2 months
- Developed by the University of Minnesota, so it's well-prepared for our cold northern winters