

CITRUS

Light

Full sun.

Water

Citrus require moist soil but never freestanding water. In summer, water newly planted trees 2-3 times a week and established trees deeply about once every two weeks, or more if necessary.

Fertilizer

Use a high nitrogen citrus fertilizer once a month spring through fall.

Maintenance

Prune in spring only when necessary to remove excessive growth and damaged or weak branches.

Problems

Sticky, deformed leaves especially on new growth

Aphids. Spray with malathion or an insectidal soap per manufacturer's instructions.

Cottony substance on leaves and twigs

Mealybug or cottony cushion scale. Spray with malathion or an insectidal soap as per manufacturers instructions.

Leaves are yellow, stippled or scratched in appearance, undersides of leaves have webbing with minute specks

Mites. Spray with malathion per manufacturers instructions.

Leaves falling and branches dying back

Poorly drained soil.

Fruit splitting

Inconsistent watering pattern.

Pale green foliage, older foliage yellowing and dropping

Lack of nitrogen. Feed with a high nitrogen citrus food.

Large amounts of newly formed fruit dropping

Some fruit drop is normal, it's a natural thinning process. If dropping is excessive, make sure tree is being sufficiently deep-watered and fertilized.