



## Fruit Trees in Small Spaces

### Resources:

- First and foremost, your local independent gardens center. Please!
  - Raintree Nursery, Washington. [www.raintreenursery.com](http://www.raintreenursery.com)
- One Green World, Portland, [www.onegreenworld.com](http://www.onegreenworld.com)
- Book, Landscaping with Fruit, Lee Reich
- Online: Home Orchard Society, [www.homeorchardsociety.org](http://www.homeorchardsociety.org)
  - Dave Wilson Nursery (Backyard Orchard Culture) [www.davewilson.com](http://www.davewilson.com)
- OSU Extension publications

### Options for Small Fruits:

- Genetic Dwarfs
- Grafted Dwarfs
- Semi Dwarfs
- Managed size
- Small Fruits
- Vines

### Considerations:

- Backyard or front yard
- Limited space, no problem
- Good planning
- Sun or shade?
- Back Yard Orchard Culture
- Hedging or Espalier
- Self fruitful or pollinator?
- Fruit succession

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### Managed size vs. Dwarfing Rootstocks:

- Most semi-dwarfing rootstocks do not control fruit tree size as much as most people expect.
- Rootstocks can help to improve fruit tree soil and climate adaptation, pest and disease resistance, precocity (heavier bearing in early years), longevity, and ease of propagation in the nursery.
- To date, no rootstocks have been developed which do all these things plus fully dwarf the scion.

### Summer Pruning:

- The only way to keep most fruit trees under twelve feet tall is by pruning, and the most practical method of pruning is summer pruning. (Dave Wilson Nursery).
- Summer pruning may ...control growth of young trees, improving light quality...(U of Arkansas Cop. Ext )
- By removing leaves during summer pruning you remove a resource point and thus reduce energy for overall tree growth or regrowth. (U of Santa Cruz Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems.
- In most cases, homeowners are encouraged to use semi-dwarf rootstocks like EM 7 or MM 111 because these trees do not need to be staked and will produce larger crops than the dwarfing rootstocks MM 9 or MM 26. *Steve Renquist, OSU Extension Agent*