



## Easy Edible

### Pomegranate:

**General info:** Pomegranates (*Punica granatum*) are native to Persia. They are popular for their strong anti-oxidant properties, and rich, tart flavor. Pomegranates are a naturally dense, deciduous, multi-stemmed shrub. Usually grows to 10-12'. The branches are slender and thorny. Colorful, orange-red flowers appear in spring and summer. Pomegranates are extremely heat tolerant.

**Landscape uses:** Small specimen tree; container tree

**Ornamental qualities:** Showy, scarlet flowers; glossy, green leaves; brightly colored fruit

**Planting:** Prefers well drained soil and good air circulation. Plant in at least 6 hours of full sun to ensure good fruit quality and color.

**Pruning:** Pomegranates can be pruned into either single trunk or multi-trunk trees. Single-trunk trees should have a single trunk to about 12-18", then split into 5-6 major branches. Multi-trunk trees have 3-6 of the strongest branches as the trunks. Remove unneeded growth and suckers regularly. Major pruning should be done in winter.

**Fertilizing/Watering:** Drought tolerant once established. Supplemental irrigation is needed during periods of drought. Fertilize in spring and mid-summer.

### Varieties:

**R-26 Giant Russian:** Vase-shaped, large, bright fruit. Tolerates southern heat and humidity. This type performed well in UGA trials.

**Angel Red:** Matures in September. Vivid red color. Highest juice content per fruit. Seeds are soft enough to be edible. Bears heavily.