## Green Thumb Nursery

Caring for Flowering Trees

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Fertilize spring, summer, and fall with Fertilome Tree & Shrub Food. Fertilize when buds are set with Fertilome Premium Bedding Food.



Flowering trees can add the necessary height, color, and texture that will make your garden really stand out. They soften the look of the landscaping, provide shade, and can bring out the beauty of your home colors.

Light pruning helps to maintain flowering trees. Removing crossing branches and twiggy growth will also improve overall appearance. Winter and spring flowering trees like dogwood, magnolia, or redbud should be pruned in the late spring before the flower buds set for the next season. This will increase the lateral branching and likely produce more flowers the following year. Summer flowering trees like crape myrtle, cassia, jacaranda, or bottle brush are usually pruned during the winter or very early spring before the flush of new growth. During the warmer months pinch the older flowers to encourage fresh blooms.

There are two classes of bugs and insects that may attack your tree. The first is sap sucking insects that can be killed with either Malathion Oil or Systemic Insecticide w/Acephate. The second class is chewing insects that eat the plant tissue. These pests are best controlled with a biological insecticide like Thuricide or Spinosad that the pest takes into their stomach. Fungal infections can cause the tree leaves to turn yellow or have yellow spots. We sell different types of fungicides to control these infections either topically or through the plant root system. We can assist you in diagnosing any problems with your plant if you bring in a sample branch.



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