

# HANDY CITRUS TIPS

## CITRUS IN THE GROUND

### WATERING

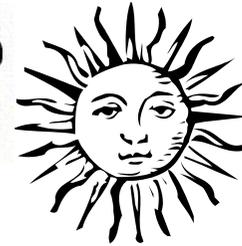
- ◆ Before watering check the soil, for moisture, dig around if necessary
- ◆ Amount of water required varies from site to site, depending on soil and rainfall
- A General Guide
- ◆ In the warmer months, 2—3 good soakings per week.
- ◆ In winter, once a week.



### SPRAYING

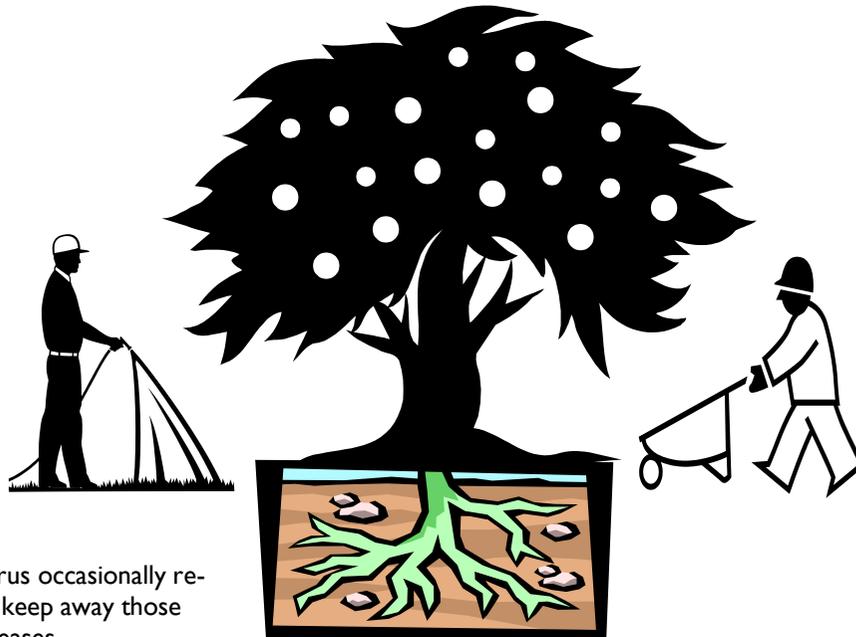
- ◆ Unfortunately, citrus occasionally require spraying, to keep away those nasty pest and diseases.
- ◆ Always read and understand the chemical instructions before spraying & be careful.
- ◆ Eco oil and eco-neem are safe effective controls for citrus leafminer. (The biggest citrus problem)
- ◆ Eco-neem controls most sucking and chewing insects
- ◆ Our staff can always suggest suitable chemicals, don't hesitate to ask!

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### SUNLIGHT

- ◆ Choose a bright open sunny position
- ◆ At least half a days sun, preferably a full days sunlight



### DRAINAGE

- ◆ All citrus require good draining soil.
- ◆ Water permanently around the roots, causes root rot, killing the tree.
- ◆ Never plant directly into clay, build your garden beds up with imported soil and compost, providing better drainage.
- ◆ Always plant the citrus with the graft union well above ground level.

### FERTILIZER

- ◆ Fertilize regularly, every 2-3 months.
- ◆ A little bit often is the key
- ◆ Use organic fertilizers eg, Organic life, Chicken Manure, Blood and Bone, Cow Manure.
- ◆ Chemical fertilizers (less odour) , Osmocote, or similar slow release.



## CITRUS IN POTS

- ◆ Always choose dwarf citrus for pots. They are grafted onto a dwarf rootstock that will keep the tree small & compact, while still producing an abundance of normal sized fruit
- ◆ The bigger the better when it comes to size of the pot. Make sure there are numerous, good sized drainage holes and that the pot is slightly elevated so the water can drain away. Never use a saucer!
- ◆ Use good a quality potting mix. (you pay for what you get, don't use a \$2 bag of potting mix)
- ◆ Follow the citrus in the ground tips and don't forget to fertilize regularly as potted citrus will thrive on it.

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