



Ficus Care Details

- Water in well and keep watering and feeding regularly for the first year until the plant has established. The best time to plant outside is spring/early summer to give the plant time to establish itself before the winter.
- Ficus carica or Fig Trees survive most winters unscathed by frosts but do not plant in a very exposed windy site. If you live in a very frost prone area, these are best grown south facing in shelter, otherwise they may be damaged by frosts. In hard, prolonged frosty weather, all the top growth may be knocked back but the plants re-grow from below ground.
- Ficus are best trained to grow near a wall or fence on wires for example in the same way that apple trees are trained. They grow best from full sun to part-shade in any soil except boggy and ideally should grown in pots or with a barrier in the ground. Restricting root growth will produce better fruit and less foliage if this is the desired effect. The fruit is best harvested in late summer. Ficus are deciduous trees and can reach an eventual height of 3x4metres if left unpruned. Pruning should ideally be done in spring after the last frost and any weak branches thinned to let light into the centre of the tree. Minimal pruning in summer may be required, pinching all new shoots back to 6 leaves.
- They can also be grown indoors in a well-lit spot and a conservatory or bright room is ideal. Keep well watered in the growing season. The final pot size will determine the overall height of the plant if space is limited.
- Using a slow or controlled release fertilizer when planting will ensure that your plant is correctly fed and will grow at an optimum rate remembering to re-pot as necessary. John Innes or general multi- purpose compost will usually have sufficient food for the first 4-6 weeks, if no food is added.
- Please have a look at www.easytropicals.com for companion ideas & a general hardiness guide. If you have any questions please email for a prompt reply.

Many thanks for looking.