



Clifton

NURSERIES



CITRUS

Citrus have dark green leaves all year round. In winter and early spring they have white waxy flowers that are highly scented. The harvest of the fruits is generally between October and March. With the blossom produced often at the same time as the brightly coloured fruit, this is the best time

for the enjoyment of citrus trees. The modern unheated conservatory makes an excellent orangery for the winter care of citrus.

It is not advisable to keep citrus trees in the house.

LIGHT

Place in a good indirect light in summer and winter.

WATER

Citrus trees should be kept moist at all times and not allowed to dry out when kept in containers.

TEMPERATURE

Citrus trees are essentially outdoor plants and prefer cool, not hot conditions and plenty of fresh air. They require protection from strong hot sun or excessively cold temperatures or frost. A cool conservatory is ideal in the winter and outside on a sunny patio in summer.

FEED

Citrus trees require an intensive feeding programme continued throughout the year. They need a high nitrogen formula for the summer to boost bushiness and growth. This also helps to prevent fruit drop and premature ripening of immature fruits. In the winter the feed should be a balanced formula and should contain all the seven trace elements that are essential for a strong healthy tree. The winter feed helps to ripen the fruit, prevents premature leaf fall and prepares the tree for spring blossom.



Add Flowers of Sulphate to reduce pH in hard water areas for better trace element absorption and improved leaf colour.

HUMIDITY

Citrus like to have water on their leaves; this keeps them cool, clean and free from pest attack. Spraying or misting the trees during the summer when outside is essential. During the winter if your conservatory is hot and dry, they should also be sprayed.

REPOT

Citrus fruit have compact root stocks so need not be over potted. Repot only when the tree appears to be lifting out of the pot with many roots appearing on the top of the compost.