

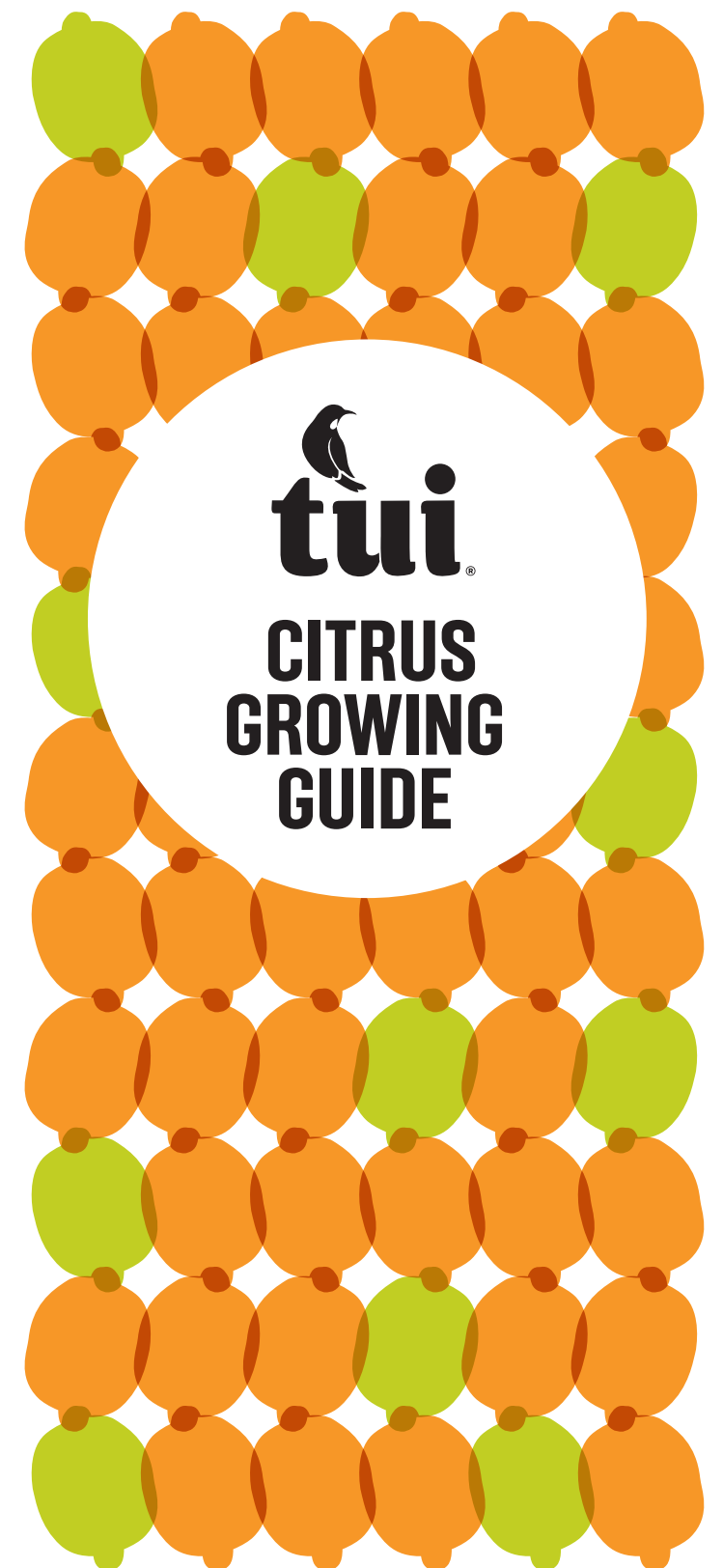
Get your citrus off to the best start this season with our range of products perfect for growing juicy citrus

Tui Garden Mix: A versatile planting mix containing a blend of high quality fine bark and compost to create ideal growing conditions for your plants. The addition of high analysis fertilisers reduces transplant shock and encourages rapid establishment of plants and robust root growth. Sheep pellets give plants a nitrogen boost. Use in your garden beds.

Tui Citrus Food: A blend of nutrients formulated to encourage healthy green foliage and large tasty fruit, and includes high levels of potassium – essential for fruit and flower production. Tui Citrus Food also contains magnesium to help prevent leaf yellowing – a common problem with citrus trees. If you have citrus in pots, we recommend fertilising with

Tui NovaTec Premium fertiliser.

Tui Epsom Salts: Yellowing leaves is a sure sign of magnesium deficiency, most common in citrus trees and ornamental plants. The addition of Tui Epsom Salts to your garden will correct magnesium deficiencies, promoting healthy green leaves and boosting the performance of your trees and plants. Use throughout your garden, including in pots and containers, to reap the rewards of superior plant performance.



GROW A BUMPER CROP OF JUICY CITRUS WITH TUI'S 4 STEPS OF CITRUS CARE

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Citrus trees laden with juicy lemons, oranges, limes and mandarins ready to be plucked from the branch are a quintessentially Kiwi addition to many home gardens. Plant in your garden or in pots and you will be harvesting a bumper crop of juicy citrus this season.

PREPARE

Choose a suitable spot – citrus trees are frost tender and they do best in a consistently sunny environment with adequate rainfall, in an area sheltered from cold winds. The better the soil, the better your plants will grow. If you are starting with an existing garden bed dig in organic matter like **Tui Compost** and sheep pellets to your soil. Then you can add a layer of **Tui Garden Mix**. If planting in pots or containers, plant in **Tui Pot Power**, which contains a controlled release fertiliser, SaturAid wetting agent to ensure water gets to the root of the tree, water retention crystals, and Acadian seaweed to protect plants from common soil-borne diseases.

PLANT

Planting citrus in the garden:

- Dig a hole approximately twice the size of the root ball of your tree and partly fill with **Tui Garden Mix**.
- Fill a bucket with water and add two capfuls of **Seasol**, seaweed based plant tonic – this promotes strong root growth and reduces transplant shock.
- Place the tree (still in its bag) in the bucket of **Seasol** and soak for a few minutes until bubbles stop appearing.
- Remove from the bucket, remove the tree from its bag or container and then gently loosen the root ball of the tree.
- Place the tree in the hole, and fill in with **Tui Garden Mix**, ensuring the tree is no deeper than it was in the original bag or container. It is a good idea to stake when planting as citrus don't like having their roots disturbed – this will help support the tree.
- Press soil firmly around the tree.
- Water your tree well.

Planting citrus in pots and containers:

- Partly fill pot with **Tui Pot Power**, and tap on the ground to settle the mix.
- Fill a bucket with water and add two capfuls of **Seasol**.
- Place the tree (still in its bag) in the bucket of **Seasol** and soak for a few minutes until bubbles stop appearing.
- Remove from the bucket, remove the tree from its bag or container and gently loosen the root ball of the tree.
- Place your tree in the pot, and fill in with **Tui Pot Power**, ensuring the tree is no deeper than it was in the original container or bag. Again, it is a good idea to stake when planting.
- Press soil firmly around the tree.
- Water your tree well.

In the first year after planting your citrus, remove any fruit that sets. This allows the tree to focus on establishing its roots and encourages better fruiting in the following seasons.

Tui Tip – Pruning:

Prune if you need to for either a desired shape, to remove any diseased stems, or to improve air circulation. Leaves are the life of the tree, so don't cut unnecessarily, particularly before the tree has matured. If you are pruning avoid September/October as you run the risk of lemon tree borer laying eggs in the fresh cuts. Protect cuts with pruning paste or water based paint.

NOURISH

Replenishing nutrients used by your citrus ensures they will grow to their full potential, producing abundant and juicy crops. Feed your citrus in spring and summer to encourage maximum fruiting and flowering. Citrus require higher levels of potassium and magnesium, and **Tui Citrus Food** is specially blended with all the nutrients needed for citrus planted in gardens. Feed citrus planted in containers with **Tui NovaTec Premium** fertiliser.

Magnesium deficiencies can be common in citrus, shown by yellowing leaves. Apply **Tui Epsom Salts** around the drip line of the tree (where the leaves extend to) to correct.

Citrus require more watering over the summer months – and well watered, well nourished citrus will have a better chance of keeping insect pests and diseases at bay.

PROTECT

The weather, weeds, pest insects and diseases can all impact on the success of your citrus. Protect your plants from the elements with layers of mulch, to help keep their roots moist. Keep the area around your citrus weed free. Whitefly, scale and aphids are common insect pests that can affect your citrus. Treat with **Tui Insect Control for Fruit & Veges**.



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