

Nimboo, Lemon - Plant



Tending a small lemon tree in your home can be a delightful aromatic experience. While the thought of growing a tree inside a house or apartment may seem daunting to beginners, it is not as difficult as it may sound.

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Description

Description for Nimboo, Lemon

In India, in terms of area under cultivation, citrus is the third largest fruit industry after Banana and Mango. When you grow a lemon tree in a pot, there are a few things you need to keep in mind. First of all, container lemon trees will not get as large as lemon tree grown in the ground. When growing lemon trees in containers, the needs are very similar to lemon trees growing in the ground. The lemon trees will need good drainage, so make sure the pot has drainage holes.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Nimboo, Limboo.lime	-	Annual	2 to 6	Moderately easy,

Planting and care

Citrus trees need a warm or mild climate zone. As long as frosts are not severe citrus trees will tolerate cool conditions.

In cold zones grow only container versions, so when temperatures really plummet, bring them inside a greenhouse or enclosed porch.

Citrus need full sun, so place them in the sunniest part of your garden or balcony.

Pots must have drainage holes in their base and be elevated slightly off the ground.

Water potted citrus two to three times a week, and possibly daily in very hot weather.

Apply citrus food in small amounts monthly from August to mid autumn.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full sun, Partial sun.	Citrus orchards flourish well in light soils with good drainage properties. Deep soils with pH range of 5.5 to 7.5 are considered ideal.	Keep soil moist throughout the growing season,	20 to 40 degrees C	Use any organic fertilizer

Caring for Nimboo

- If you have the luxury of starting from scratch, plant your lemon tree where it will get plenty of sun and be protected from frost in the colder months.
- Ensure the soil is well drained in your planting area.
- Mulch in a ring around the tree.
- This helps keep moisture in the ground, but more importantly prevents grass and weeds, which lemon trees dislike, from encroaching on your plant.
- Care should be taken, though, not to mulch right up to the trunk as this can promote collar rot.

Typical uses of Nimboo

Special features:

Culinary use:

The oval fruit is famous is used widely for its juice.

The pulp and rind are also used, primarily in cooking and baking.

Lemon juice is acidic in nature and makes it a cheap, readily available acid for use in educational science experiments.

Lemon juice, rind, and zest are used in a wide variety of food and drink. It is used to make lemonade, soft drinks, and cocktails.

Medicinal use: There is a belief in Ayurvedic medicine that a cup of hot water with lemon juice in it every morning tonifies and purifies the liver.

Note: The following information is general guidelines. Be sure to ask your healthcare provider for guidelines.

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