



PLANTING FRUIT TREES ON ALLOTMENTS

The purpose of an allotment is to grow mainly vegetables and fruit for home consumption. All plots are subject to formal inspections to assess the standard of cultivation and ensure it is in accordance with the rules as expressed in "RGS Allotments Letting Agreement and Rules" section 3. The allotment tenancy is annual and renewal of the tenancy, if at all, is contingent on the plot being in a reasonable state of cultivation in accordance with these rules.

Any tenant wishing to plant fruit trees or perennial bushes must seek permission before planting. Please speak to your Site Secretary about your plans or email rgs.sw15@gmail.com before you make any purchases.

Fruit trees and bushes

- must be maintained in good condition and regularly pruned;
- branches should not be allowed to cause obstruction on common pathways
- should be planted well within the boundary of the plot, at least 450 mm/18 inches within the boundary of the plot
- should not cause undue shade on neighbouring plots

Some trees, eg **Figs, Bay and Olives**, must be planted in a **tub** and kept above the soil.

Fruit trees must be on dwarf rootstock. It should be possible to harvest fruit and to prune the tree without climbing the tree or any other structure. Suitable rootstocks are:

- M27 for apples, extremely dwarfing
- M9 for apples, dwarfing
- M26 for apples, dwarfing
- Pixie for plum trees, dwarfing
- Gisela 5 or G5 for cherries, semi-dwarfing
- Quince A or for pears, semi-dwarfing
- Quince C for pears, dwarfing

Trees other than fruit trees are not permitted on an allotment.