



PEAR TREES

Pear trees have been hard to cultivate in our area, due to their very early blooms that are susceptible to frost. When the early blooms are hit by frost, the pears will not be able to grow fruit. With the recent inception of the 'Early Gold' Pear, which is a Canadian introduction, the 'Ure' tree (the most reliable pear tree for our area) will be able to successfully cross pollinate. There is still some concern over frost damage, so we suggest planting your trees in an area with good air drainage (like a side hill) and not in low lying areas. We want you to be successful so please keep in mind the risks associated with this type of fruit tree. However, if you like pears—like we do—you may just want to try these out.

Early Gold Pear (Pyrus 'Jefgold') - An improved seedling of 'Ure' pear selected for its improved vigor, chlorosis resistance and iron-clad cold hardiness. Abundant white flowers in spring produce yellow fruits on average 10 days earlier than 'Ure'. The foliage is an attractive, glossy green.

Bloom Date: Early May. Ripening Date: Early August. Use 'Ure' Pear to pollinate. Zones: 2-7.

Ure Pear (Pyrus "Ure") - Fruit is green-yellow, very juicy and approximately 2" in diameter. Has sturdy branching. Good for eating and canning. Developed in 1978 at Morden Research Station. Approximate ripening date is August 15.

Bloom Date: Early May. Ripening Date: Mid-August. Use 'Early Gold' Pear to pollinate. Zones: 3-7.