



How to Grow Pyracantha

Position – Full sun or part shade
Soil – Moist, well-drained
Flowering Period – Spring
Hardiness – Fully hardy

About Pyracantha

Pyracantha are evergreen shrubs or small trees that are better known as 'Firethorn'. They have robust, skeletal branches with narrow leaves and attractive white flowers that flourish during spring. These are often followed by stunning red, yellow or orange berries during autumn and winter. They can be grown as a free-standing shrub (or hedge) and trained against a wall or fence within cottage or informal garden settings. You should expect to see Pyracantha grow to an approximate height and spread of 1-1.2m (3-4').

How to plant Pyracantha

Pyracantha are best planted in moist, well-drained soil of chalk, loam, sand and clay within an acidic, neutral and alkaline PH balance. It is recommended that you amend the planting and surrounding area with a generous amount of well-rotted organic matter and a balanced general purpose fertiliser. Dig a hole that is the same depth as the root ball but allow significant space (1-3m or 3-10') between plants unless you desire a hedging effect – in this case plants can be spaced 50cm (20") apart. Water thoroughly and deeply after planting to help settle your shrub in place whilst encouraging healthy root development.

How to care for Pyracantha

Water Pyracantha regularly throughout active growth, especially whilst your shrubs are young. Once they are fully established, you can significantly reduce your watering schedule. Pyracantha will require a feed in the form of a balanced general purpose fertiliser and a thick mulch during the winter to help keep roots cool and moist whilst suppressing weeds. Pruning should be undertaken to improve the overall shape and appearance of your shrub. Remove old, damaged or diseased wood and trim to the desired shape and size.

How to Propagate Pyracantha

It is possible to propagate Pyracantha by semi-hardwood cuttings from late-spring onwards.