

# Key Lime Tree



## *Citrus × aurantiifolia*

- **Use:** The Key lime tree (also sometimes known as Mexican Key lime or West Indian lime) is an evergreen fruit tree that can grow between 6-13 feet high. It has beautiful fragrant flowers, deep green leaves, and of course, small green-yellow limes that grow to golf-ball size.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun. These citrus trees require moist, but not wet, soil, and should be watered deeply, but not frequently. The soil pH should be neutral. With regular fertilizing, you can have your first harvest within a couple of years!
- **Growth:** Moderate growing 8 to 10 ft. tall, 12 ft. wide; smaller in containers.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 9-10; 24 degrees F, must be grown indoors in winter
- **Foliage:** Evergreen, glossy green foliage if brought indoors in winter.
- **Flower:** Fragrant 1" white flowers, We love the fragrance of the blossoms!
- **Fruit:** Key limes are small, and the peels are thin. The ripe fruit is yellow or yellowish green, and it is highly acidic with the distinctive smell of lime. Each lime takes six to nine months to ripen. Limes are high in vitamin C and the antioxidant phytonutrients known as flavanones.