

# 10,000 TREES INITIATIVE

## TREE INFO CARD

# Common Apple

*(Malus pumila)*

### Get to know your tree:

The common apple is native to Eurasia, but is non-invasive in Michigan. Apple trees have small, toothed, oblong leaves. Fall leaf color is typically a drab yellow. Flowers are medium-sized, showy, and typically white or pink in color. Fruits are widely variable in size and color, but all are fleshy and have hard seeds at the core. Bark is grey-brown and typically has long scales.

### Tree benefits:

Each year, a 1-inch diameter apple provides approximately \$8.00 in benefits and reduces atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels by 9 pounds. To learn more about the benefits provided by your tree, or to see the benefits provided by larger apples, visit [www.treebenefits.com](http://www.treebenefits.com).



## Fun facts about your tree:

There are roughly 2,500 commonly cultivated varieties of the common apple!

It is believed that the common planting of fruit trees such as apples led to changes in the migratory habits and distributions of many North American bird species, by providing a food source not previously available.



## Plant your tree:

When choosing where to plant this tree, consider spots with full sun exposure (at least 6 hours of sun per day). Apple trees grow to heights of 20-25 feet, with a spread of around 20 feet. This species does best in moist, slightly acidic soils.

For detailed planting instructions, please visit [www.arborday.org/trees/planting](http://www.arborday.org/trees/planting). And always make sure to call Miss Dig (1-800-482-7171) to mark underground utilities before digging on your property!

## Care for your tree:

This species is not tolerant of drought and will require frequent watering. Watering should be done during dry periods - especially in the summer - but there's no set amount of water your tree needs. Instead, how much you water should be based on the soil. Check the soil at a depth of two inches - if it's moist, there's no need to water. But if it's dry, you should water your tree! Make sure not to water if the temperature is below freezing. Most trees need watering during the first two years after planting - but keep an eye on older trees as well.



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