



Garden Inspiration

Grow a citrus orchard

There is a fabulous range of citrus fruit that kids can enjoy, including sweet mandarins and juicy oranges. Even lemons can be made into refreshing lemonade for a school fundraising activity! Creating a small school citrus orchard gives kids the opportunity to nurture the trees and enjoy some freshly picked fruit. Here's how you could start a citrus orchard:

- Choose a spot in the playground that receives at least 6 hours of sunshine a day and has well-drained soil. Alternatively, more compact dwarf citrus trees can be grown in pots positioned in a sunny spot.
- Mix some Yates® Dynamic Lifter® Soil Improver & Plant Fertiliser into the soil or fill pots with a good quality potting mix such as Yates® Premium Potting Mix.
- Plant a range of citrus trees that will fruit over many months. For example, kids love mandarins and planting Emperor, Imperial and Honey Murcott mandarins can provide fruit from late autumn right through until mid-spring.
- Yates® Thrive® citrus fertiliser and a watering can.
- Yates® Nature's Way® Citrus & Ornamental Spray to protect citrus trees from common insect pests. It's based on natural ingredients and is approved for use in organic gardening.