

Dwarf Seckel Pear Tree

Most fruit trees need sprayed for insects and disease four or more times a year

BUT... Pear trees are perfect. (for your church or for your home.) They have very few disease, fungus or insect pests. They generally do not require spraying and have a dependable harvest.

The most perfect of all the pear trees is the Dwarf Seckel. The very small pears taste like honey from heaven. Different from and better than any pear I have ever tasted...and they are just the right size for children. It grows 8-15 foot tall and a sunny area 6' square is more than enough room. The only problem is finding one. In most cases you will have to visit a nursery or order from a nursery magazine. For myself Stark Brothers is the most dependable.

Choose a day 2-3 days after a rain when the soil will crumble easily in your hands...not too muddy and not too dry and hard. Dig a hole at least two foot deep, 3 foot deep with some potting soil and fertilizer in the bottom is best. Your tree should come with planting instructions. If not they are easy to find on the internet. Covering the soil with some sort of mulch is a good idea. Watering the tree every 4-5 days is a very good idea...at least for the first month. Be sure and check the hole around the tree at least once every two weeks...sometimes the new soil will pull away from the old and leave a large crack all the way around the tree. If this happens the crack must be filled with soil and watered well.

Planting a tree speaks to commitment. It speaks also faith and to hope. It will help children with PATIENCE. It will help them see that some things are worth Hanging on to, worth investing in. Hope your family finds a place to plant one...your local school, church or park.

