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Moonglow Pear - New For 2026!

Pyrus communis 'Moonglow'



Moonglow Pear fruit
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Height: 25 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Common Pear

Description:

This vigorous variety produces light yellow-green fruit with a red blush in late summer; very showy white flowers in spring and an upright oval habit, very ornamental; needs a pollinator; shows excellent resistance to fireblight

Edible Qualities

Moonglow Pear is a medium-sized tree that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces light green oblong pears (which are botanically known as 'pomes') with a red blush which are usually ready for picking in late summer. The fruit will often fade to yellow over time. The pears have a sweet taste and a firm texture.

The pears are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Cooking
- Baking
- Canning

Features & Attributes

Moonglow Pear is covered in stunning clusters of white flowers along the branches in early spring. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The glossy pointy leaves turn an outstanding deep purple in the fall. The fruits are showy light green pears with a red blush and which fade to yellow over time, which are carried in abundance in late summer. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up.

This is a dense deciduous tree with a shapely oval form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition. This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy
- Disease

Aside from its primary use as an edible, Moonglow Pear is sutiable for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Orchard/Edible Landscaping

Planting & Growing

Moonglow Pear will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more. This variety requires a different selection of the same species growing nearby in order to set fruit.

This tree is typically grown in a designated area of the yard because of its mature size and spread. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.