

# CITRUS FOOD



- Citrus trees are easy to grow, but they do need a little help to really thrive. As the UK climate dictates that they are best grown in pots, they rely on us to feed them as they only have limited nutrients available in their pot.
- The citrus food we supply is the same one we use on our own plants. Unlike most plant foods, there are specific summer and winter formulations as the plants have differing needs as the season changes. I find the easiest way to know which one to use is when the clocks go forward in the spring I use the 'summer' food, and when the clocks go back in the autumn, I switch back to the 'winter' food.
- The food is in a dry powder form, with instructions printed on the side of the tub, and if used as directed, it should be sufficient to last up to 4 years if you only have one citrus tree.
- A common mistake with citrus is over-watering them. Don't allow them to sit in excess water (including the feed solution). If the plant hasn't absorbed all the liquid within an hour or two, remove it and in the case of the feed solution, retain it for the following week.
- When you take your tree home, we recommend repotting it into a 15L pot (similar size to a builders bucket), using a high quality soil-based compost like John Innes 3, and giving them a weekly feed of high quality citrus food. This will help you have grow your own tasty fruit for many years to come.