

# Garden Gossip

From Farmer Bob



Two questions we often hear at the garden centre are 1) Why am I not getting any fruit from my fruit trees or fruit bushes? 2) Why are my bushes, trees not blooming? If your ornamental or fruit bushes/trees are not blooming, you're certainly not going to get any fruit. Sometimes, the tree is still in a juvenile stage, just give it a bit more time, 3 years should be enough. Too much shade could be the problem. At least 6 hr. of sunlight is needed for good blooming. Finally too much nitrogen can cause lots of healthy green growth but very few blooms. Stop feeding manures or any nitrogen containing fertilizer, especially lawn fertilizers. Feed only phosphorous type fertilizers, especially this time of year (late July).

If you have blooms but no fruit, it is most likely a pollination problem. The majority of fruit trees and some fruit bushes require two different varieties to cross pollinate and get fruit. You may have two varieties the same and therefore not get fruit. Best to check with our garden centre for detailed advice on pollinator requirements.

Remember, in these difficult times, to carefully protect yours and your family's mental health.

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Look after yourselves and be respectful of others!

HAPPY GARDENING!

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