

Special Instructions for Grafted Cornelian Cherry

Your Cornelian cherry is a grafted tree. The graft is the portion of the trunk wrapped in paraffin tape. It is very important that you do not let any green growth come from anywhere other than the graft. Small green shoots are likely to appear along the trunk, both above and below the graft, for at least the rest of this growing season (and possibly even next year, too). You must be diligent in pinching off this new growth as it appears. You should probably check your trees at least once per week for unwanted shoot growth. After one or two growing seasons, the rootstock will finally give up trying to send out new shoots.

If you fail to pinch off the new shoots from the rootstock, those shoots may grow more vigorously than the graft. They may eventually overgrow the graft, causing the graft to die. Those shoots from the rootstock will still produce Cornelian cherries, but they will be smaller in size and will not have as good a flavor as the cherries from the graft.

Feel free to call or email if you have any questions, or if you find these instructions hard to understand.

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