

# Watering Needs for Edibles

| Fruit   |     |         |        |          |      |
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| <p>This chart has been designed to give you an idea of how much water is required for growing various fruits in relationship to each other. The variation you see across the fruits (example: Blackberries) is due to the differences in varieties, soils, mulches and microclimates. Keep in mind that raised garden beds or pots usually require watering more often than fruits planted directly into the ground and may require more overall water. Historic techniques such as the Zuni Waffle Garden and using organic mulch in your garden can help you conserve water and still grow plenty of fruit.</p> |     |         |        |          |      |
| Plant Name  | Low | Med-Low | Medium | Med-High | High |
| <b>Berries</b>  |     |         |        |          |      |
| Blackberries  |     | X       | X      | X        |      |
| Blueberry   |     |         |        | X        | X    |
| Currant   |     | X       | X      |          |      |
| Grape   |     |         | X      |          |      |
| Raspberry   |     |         | X      | X        |      |
| Strawberries  |     | X       | X      | X        |      |
| <b>Melons</b>   |     |         |        |          |      |
| Melons  |     |         |        | X        | X    |
| Watermelon  |     |         |        | X        | X    |
| <b>Tree &amp; Shrub Fruit</b>   |     |         |        |          |      |
| Apple   |     |         |        | X        | X    |
| Apricot   |     |         | X      | X        |      |
| Asian Pear  |     |         |        | X        | X    |
| Cherry (sweet & tart)   |     |         | X      | X        |      |
| Crabapple   |     |         |        | X        | X    |
| Fig   |     | X       | X      | X        |      |
| Kiwi Vine   |     |         | X      | X        |      |
| Peach & Nectarine   |     |         |        | X        | X    |
| Pear (European)   |     |         |        | X        | X    |
| Pear (Asian)  |     |         |        | X        | X    |
| Persimmon   |     |         | X      | X        |      |
| Plum & Prune Plum   |     |         | X      | X        |      |
| Pomegranate   |     | X       | X      | X        |      |
| Quince  |     | X       | X      | X        |      |