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Fruit Care Calendar

January/February

Light to heavy pruning can be done on all fruit trees during late dormancy before new growth. Apples should be **lightly** pruned at this time.

Spray dormant oil & dormant fungicides to suffocate over-wintering insects & control disease.

Prune blueberries. Water once each month with a garden hose.

March/April

Fertilize. And remember that granules & spikes need water to activate. You can still prune fruit trees.

Prune grape vines in April. Divide strawberries to stimulate more fruit.

Hang codling moth traps high in your apple & pear trees when the flower buds start changing from reddish-pink to white in April.

Spray weekly while in bloom with *Monterey Disease Control*, to prevent fireblight in pears & apples.

May

If you didn't get the codling moth trap up in time, spray, once a week for 3 weeks after 80% of the apple blossoms have fallen off, with *Master Nursery Pest Fighter* or *Monterey Takedown Spray*.

Use either organic spray on edibles for control of aphids. Apply once monthly for continued protection.

Spray peaches, cherries, and other stone fruit once a week for 3 weeks, three weeks after flowers fall off.

June/July

Prune heavily if needed now on apple trees to prevent water sprouts. Use an insecticidal spray 2 weeks apart to control the leaf slug—pearsylla—on your cherry & pear trees, starting on July 4th. Net your cherry, peach, apricot & plum trees now so the birds don't get all your fruit! Try scare tape. If leaf miners have been a problem on grape vines in the past, spray with *Master Nursery Pest Fighter* or *Captain Jacks* 3 times in July.

October/November

Remove 2-year old wood on raspberries & blackberries and you will get your biggest crop next year. Wrap your smaller trees on the lower 3 ft to prevent deer damage.

Fertilize. And remember that granules & spikes need water to activate. Add sulfur to garden areas to help lower your pH and reduce stress on your plants over the winter. Keep watering once or twice a month.

November/December

Spray dormant oil & dormant copper fungicides to suffocate over-wintering insects & control disease.

Water once monthly with a garden hose.

Note: Due to continued changes in availability of certain agricultural chemicals, we suggest that you consult our staff for up-to-date recommendations.