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# Fruit Care Calendar

## January/February

Prune all fruit trees, except apples, during late dormancy before new growth.  
Spray dormant oil & dormant fungicides to suffocate over-wintering insects & control disease.  
Prune blueberries.

## 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 in your apple & pear trees when the flower buds start changing from reddish-pink to white in April. Wormy apples will be somebody else's problem.  
Spray with *Phyton 27*, to prevent fireblight in pears & apples, when in bloom.

## 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 *Fruit Tree Spray*.  
Use *Master Nursery Pest Fighter*—an organic spray for use 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 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* 3 times in July.

## October/November

Remove 2-year old wood on raspberries & blackberries and get your biggest crop next year.  
Fertilize. And remember that granules & spikes need water to activate. Add sulfur to garden areas to help lower your pH over the winter. Keep watering, add sulfur to prevent gummosis.

## December

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

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