



# PHILADELPHIA ORCHARD PROJECT

## Monthly Orchard Task List: Feb/March

The following Task List has been compiled as a reference and starting point that applies broadly to orchards and the plants included in POP orchards. Specific timing and relevant plants will change according to each site and growing season. We've included space for notes and a place to mark the dates they are completed - as applicable to your site.

Please feel free to provide feedback on this form and to also send us a scan or picture at the end of the year, so we can continue to improve it!

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email or phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Orchard: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Month	Tasks	Date(s)	Notes
February	<b>Continue winter pruning of fruit trees, berry bushes, brambles, and vines</b> <i>(winter pruning can be completed anytime between January and early March)</i> See detailed descriptions in January task list See POP Pruning Guide for more info		
	<b>Remove mummified fruit</b> To reduce spread of disease, remove any mummified fruit during pruning		
	<b>Dormant Oil Spray</b> For control of aphids, scale, and other overwintering insects Read and follow labels carefully (4% dilution)		
	<b>Remove Spotted Lanternfly Egg Masses</b> Scrape off of trunks, branches, surrounding surfaces		
	<b>Order orchard care supplies</b> Tools, gloves, sprays & other pest management supplies, harvest equipment		
March	<b>Finish winter pruning of fruit trees, berry bushes, brambles, and vines</b> <i>(winter pruning can be completed anytime between January and early March)</i> See detailed descriptions in January list above See POP Pruning Guide for more info		
	<b>Safe to plant new orchard plants as soon as soil thaws</b>		
	<b>Cut back dead herbaceous material</b> Disperse or compost seed heads and stalks if desired		
	<b>Begin monitoring for bud swell</b>		
	<b>Pest and disease management (as needed)</b> Apply dormant oil spray before bud break for aphids, scale, etc (see Feb above) Good timing to run chickens or ducks through orchard for pest control Cultivate soil under fruit trees to kill overwintering larvae Remove spotted lanternfly egg masses		
	<b>Sulfur/Copper Spray (as needed)</b> Apply prior to bud swell for control of diseases including brown rot, fireblight, scab, peach leaf curl, etc Use only as last resort in case of severe crop losses or plant damage! Wear protective clothing and eyewear and follow safety instructions		
	<b>Apply compost, fertilizer, or compost tea to feed root system</b> Just before bloom Read and follow labels carefully		

**Sources:**  
<https://extension.psu.edu/home-orchard-calendar>  
 "The Holistic Orchard" Michael Phillips

**POP Resources:**  
[Search POP urban orchard blog for specific articles on pest and disease management and other topics: https://www.phillyorchards.org/blog/](https://www.phillyorchards.org/blog/)  
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