



**PHILADELPHIA
ORCHARD PROJECT**

Monthly Orchard Task List: Sept/Oct

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
September	Continue weeding Reduce weed pressure over time through thorough weeding Subsequently apply a thick layer of wood chips to disturbed areas		
	Water Spring planted trees, shrubs and perennials once per week first year		
	Pest and Disease Monitoring via weekly walk though		
	Pest and Disease Management (as needed) Cardboard band trees for codling moth Spray Bt, Spinosad, neem, and/or holistic sprays timed to significant problem species as needed Remove dropped fruit		
	Harvest: Apples, figs, pears, Asian pears, grapes, pawpaws, jujubes, everbearing raspberries, everbearing strawberries, quince, rose hips, pomegranates, kiwiberries, maypops, akebias, lingonberries, herbs		
October	Continue weeding Reduce weed pressure over time through thorough weeding Subsequently apply a thick layer of wood chips to disturbed areas		
	Water Spring planted trees, shrubs and perennials once per week first year		
	Pest and Disease Monitoring via weekly walk though		
	Pest and Disease Management (as needed) Remove decaying dropped fruit Gather and dispose of traps properly		
	Plant & transplant trees, shrubs and perennials as desired Fall planting has a slightly higher success rate and lesser watering needs Water new plants twice per week through November in dry conditions		
	Harvest: Apples, pears, figs, persimmons, chestnuts, everbearing raspberries, quince, kiwiberries, che fruit, goji berries, lingonberries, wintergreen		
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/ Download POP resources on pruning, pest and disease identification etc: https://www.phillyorchards.org/resources/		