



## PHILADELPHIA ORCHARD PROJECT

## Monthly Orchard Task List: July/Aug

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
July	<b>Continue weeding</b> Reduce weed pressure over time with thorough weeding Subsequently apply a thick layer of wood chips to disturbed areas Make sure area around tree trunks are clear of both weeds and mulch		
	<b>Water Spring planted trees, shrubs and perennials</b> once per week first year		
	<b>Emergency pruning:</b> Dead, diseased, damaged & root suckers		
	<b>Pest and Disease Monitoring</b> via weekly walk through		
	<b>Pest and Disease Management</b> (as needed) Apply thick kaolin clay or neem to trunk for borers if needed Spray Bt, Spinosad, neem, and/or holistic sprays timed to significant problem species as needed Remove dropped and diseased fruit		
	<b>Remove branch spreaders from winter/spring</b>		
	<b>Harvest:</b> Raspberries, blueberries, cherries, blackberries, apricots, peaches, mulberries, currants, gooseberries, herbs		
	<b>Continue weeding</b> see above		
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	<b>Emergency pruning:</b> Dead, diseased, damaged & root suckers		
August	<b>Summer bramble pruning</b> Remove dead second year canes anytime between now and following spring Cut back new blackberry canes at 3'-4' height to induce side branching		
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	<b>Soil testing if desired</b>		
	<b>Harvest:</b> Blackberries, peaches, plums, figs, Asian pears, apples, grapes, cornelian cherries, jujubes, elderberries, rose hips, chokeberries, maypops, herbs		

**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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