



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 spaces for notes and a place to check tasks off as 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	Task	Date(s)	Notes
January	Prune Fruit Trees (starting with pome fruits and ending with stone fruits) <i>(all winter pruning can be completed anytime between January and early March)</i> Establish and renew permanent scaffold branches Open fruit trees to air and sunlight Remove dead, damaged, and diseased wood Remove crossing, competing, and crowding branches Remove most vertical growth and retain horizontal fruiting branches Follow tool sanitation guidelines and dispose of diseased prunings <i>See POP Pruning Guide for more info</i>		
	Remove mummified fruit Fruit left hanging on the tree is a source for disease spores. Pluck and remove any mummified fruit during pruning Trash, burn or use in hot compost system		
	Prune Woody Berry Bushes (blueberries, currants, gooseberries, elderberries, etc) Remove dead, damaged, and diseased wood Remove approximately 25% of growth by cutting oldest branches to just above the ground Remove additional growth if overly crowded <i>See POP Pruning Guide for more info</i>		
	Prune Brambles (raspberries, blackberries, etc) Remove dead, damaged, and diseased wood Remove all 2nd year canes by cutting to ground Remove smaller first year canes if overly crowded Shorten first year canes (and side laterals on blackberries) <i>See POP Pruning Guide for more info</i>		
	Prune Fruiting Vines (grapes, hardy kiwis, etc) Remove dead, damaged, and diseased wood Remove up to 90% of woody growth, leaving some younger canes and buds to fruit Remove any growth that wraps around itself or other other object <i>See POP Pruning Guide for more info</i>		
	Orchard tool maintenance Clean, sharpen, and repair		

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

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