

Fruit Trees Care

FERTILIZING SCHEDULE

Spring - Fall

Fertilize your fruit trees and fruiting vines once as they emerge from dormancy. This is usually late February to March. We recommend using Master Start (5-20-10 with micronutrients). This fertilizer will help with fruit production and root development without encouraging too much growth. Fertilize once again in late spring after the fruit has set with Master Start. Finally, fertilize in late summer to early fall with Fruit Tree and Vine Food(12-12-12) to encourage new fruit wood for next year.

Winter

Starting in mid October to early November begin fertilizing your fruit trees and fruiting vines with Master Bloom(0-10-10) and F.S.T.(iron, sulfur, manganese, and zinc). These two products should be applied once a month through January. By applying these fertilizers during the winter months, you are helping build up the necessary nutrients that your trees and vines will need in the Spring as they emerge from dormancy so that they can flower and fruit well.

PRUNING SCHEDULE

There are different methods and time frames for pruning. If you prefer traditional pruning methods, then prune while the trees are dormant(usually Dec - Jan.).

WATERING SCHEDULE

Newly planted fruit trees should be watered once a week during the growing season(Spring - Fall). They may require more frequent watering during very hot periods. If you are using a drip system, then make sure water is covering the entire root area. This usually requires 2 or 3 drippers to be placed around the tree or the use of a bubbler style dripper. Watering in the winter months, when the tree is dormant, is only required when there has been extended periods of no rainfall. As fruit trees become older and more established, less frequent watering is required, about every 10 to 14 days. However, they may need to receive additional watering during hot summer days or sudden heat waves.