



# PHILADELPHIA ORCHARD PROJECT

## POPCORE 1 RESOURCES

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[POP YouTube Channel](#) (see various playlists including [POP's Fruit Tree Pruning Series](#) and [Virtual POPCORE Recordings](#))

[PHOG](#) (Philadelphia Orchard google group)- receive POP Tips on ecological orchard care and notices of educational opportunities via email!

[POP Blog](#): search by keyword/topic for a variety of in-depth resources. Search for specific issues like [Fig winter die back and pruning](#), [Emergency Pruning](#), or [POP's Pruning Guide](#).

[POP Resource page](#): search by keyword/topic for a variety of in-depth resources.

### **Pest & Disease guides**

[Apple scouting guide](#)

[Cherry scouting guide](#)

[Peach scouting guide](#)

[Pear & Asian pear scouting guide](#)

[Plum scouting guide](#)

POP's new [Monthly Orchard Task List](#) contains detailed recommendations for the entire year of orchard care

### Winter Orchard Tasks

[POP Pruning Guide for Fruit Trees](#)

[Penn State Extension basic fruit tree pruning](#)

[Winter pruning workshop overview](#)

[POP Pruning Guide for Berries and Vines](#)

Remove mummified fruit [caused by rot](#), [other fungal diseases](#)

Scout for/remove [SLF egg masses](#)

[Stock and maintain orchard equipment](#)

### Spring Orchard Tasks

[Early spring orchard tasks overview](#)

Apply mulch/compost

[sheetmulching](#)

[vermicomposting](#)

Consider [beneficial insect releases](#)

[Unwrap figs and pomegranates](#)

Holistic orchard sprays

[Compost tea](#)

[Neem oil](#)

[Pyrethrin](#)

[Spinosad](#)

[Organic sulfur](#)

[BT](#)

[Kaolin clay](#)

[Dormant oil](#)

[Train new growth](#)

[Thin fruitlets](#)

[Protect future harvests](#)

## Summer Orchard Tasks

Harvest

[Summer harvest timing and equipment](#)

[Herbal teas](#)

Monitor (see tree-specific scouting guides above!)

[Fire blight](#)

[Codling moth](#)

Emergency pruning

[Prune diseased/damaged wood, root suckers, watersprouts](#)

## Fall Orchard Tasks

Harvest

[Fall harvest timing and equipment](#)

[Late-season ripeners](#)

[Celebrate the harvest!](#)

[Apply compost](#)

[Apply biochar](#)

Protect tender plants

[Fresh Figs for Cold Climates](#)

[Overwintering Potted Perennial Herbs](#)

[Winterize cold-tender plants](#) (Orchard People resource)

## RECOMMENDED ORCHARD BOOKS:

*The Holistic Orchard*, Michael Phillips

*Grow Fruit Naturally*, Lee Reich

*The Organic Gardener's Handbook of Natural Insect and Disease Control*, Ellis and Bradley