**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

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