POPCORE 1 Resources

**POP YouTube Channel** (see various playlists including **Pruning Fruit Trees**, **Pruning Brambles**, and orchard care by season)

**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. Identify issues based on the scouting guides below, then search for specific issues like **apple maggot**, **black rot**, or **apple scab**

**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**

Philadelphia Orchard Project  www.phillyorchards.org
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
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