

Introduction

What's in your goodie bag?

- \$10 Discount Coupon (orange plant label) – *don't lose it!*
- Door prize ticket

Pruning Notes

Why Do We Prune?

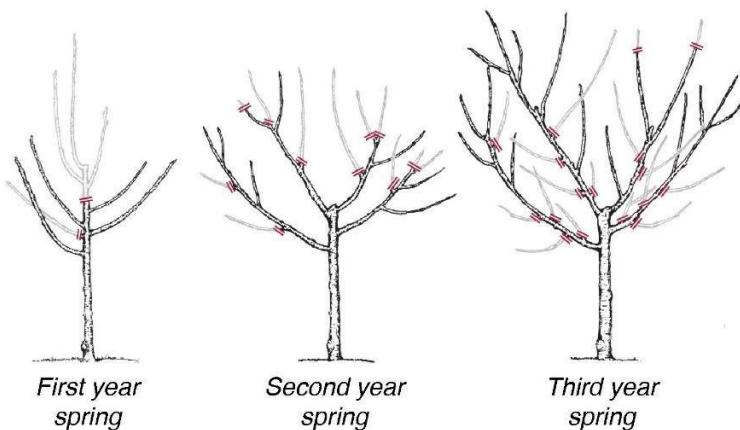
- **Winter (Dormant Season)** – Best for major structural cuts and shaping
- **Summer (After Harvest)** – Size control
- **Fruit Production** – Though not the goal in years 1-3
- **Size Control** – Keeps trees manageable and harvestable from the ground
- **Vigor** – Keeps tree growing and producing fruiting wood

What Tools Do We Need?

- Hand pruners – FELCO is our preferred brand. We offer many sizes & types.
- Loppers
- Handsaw and/or Chainsaw
- Tool sharpener, Alcohol/Lysol & WD-40 – **Important for keeping your tools clean & sharp**

Pruning Basics

- Branch collars
- Vegetative vs. Fruiting Growth
- Assess health of branches, remove any dead, damaged, diseased, crossing
- Structure: Vase Shape vs Central Leader vs Modified Central Leader
- Young Tree vs Established
- Water Sprouts vs Suckers
- Thinning
- Training: Using string and spacers to shape tree



Open center pruning

WHEN TO PRUNE YOUR FRUIT TREES

LATE WINTER



SUMMER



FALL



FRUITING WOOD BY TREE TYPE

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APPLE	2+ year fruit spurs
PEAR	Fruit spurs (<i>Fireblight sanitation!</i>)
APRICOT	Last year's wood, fruit buds (fat)
PEACH	Last year's twigs/branches (summer growth)
NECTARINE	Last year's wood
CHERRY	1-2 yr old wood & spurs, near base of branch
PLUM	1 year old and spurs
BROWN & WHITE FIG	New growth
BLACK FIG	1 year old wood, at the tip
PERSIMMON	1 year old
POMEGRANATE	Structure, new wood

Dormant Spraying

What You'll Need:

- **Monterey Liqui-Cop** -> Fungicide: controls disease
- **Monterey Horticultural Oil** -> Insecticide: smothers insects & eggs

Equipment (either/or)

- **Chapin Hose End Sprayer** -> connects onto your Garden Hose
- **Pump Tank Sprayer**



Feeding

Feed during flowering to Late Summer

Organic Fertilizers:

- Complete: G&B Citrus & Fruit Tree (8-4-2), apply every 6-8 weeks
- Espoma Citrus Tone (5-2-6), apply every 6-8 weeks

Non-Organic / Conventional Fertilizers:

- Systemic: Bioadvanced 3-in-1 Rose & Flower Care (6-9-6), apply every 8 weeks
- Dry: Gro Power Flower & Bloom (3-12-12), apply every 4-6 weeks
- Slow Release: Loveland Super Blend (20-9-9), apply every 3 months
- Water-Soluble: 20-20-20, use Dramm Syphonject Siphon Mixer

Soil Prep

Planting in Ground or Raised Bed

- G&B Harvest Supreme - 50% + 50% native soil
- Horse or steer manures - must be decomposed and leached. Use 25% of mix
- Amend or Gro-Mulch - 50% + 50% native soil

Orchard Care

Mulching

- Add 3-4" of mulch
- Green Waste, Compost
- Bulk Ordering:
PeachHillSoils.com,
Agromin.com, Chipdrop.com

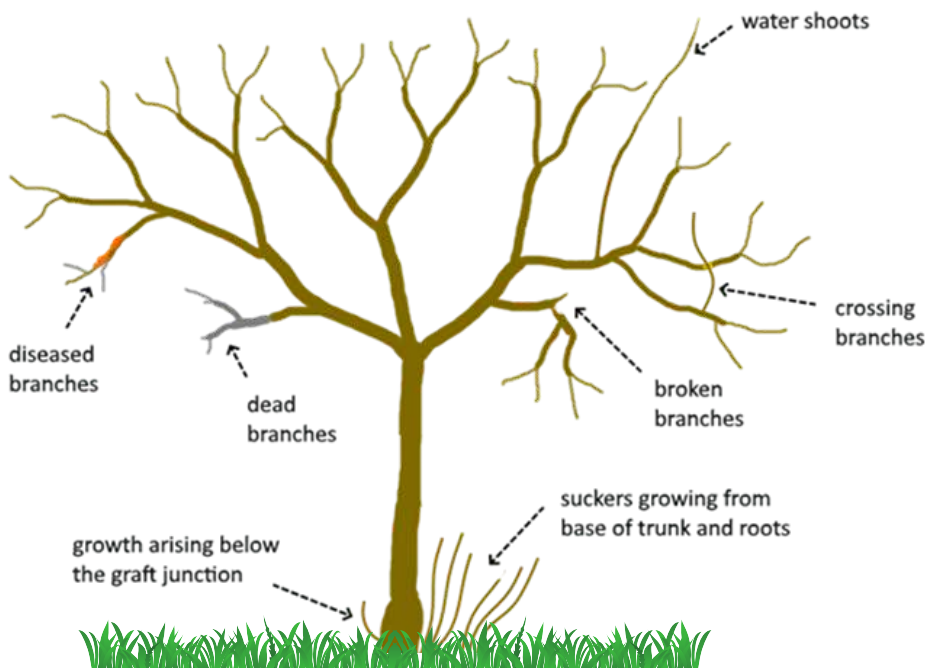
Water Conservation

Pest Control

Q & A Time!

Door Prize Raffle

Graduation Time!



Thank you for sharing our passion