



Orchard Timeline

Tasks and Time Management Every Year Routine Maintenance

1. **Watering:** 5 gallons (number increases by 5 gal. with every year of growth) every week during the growing season when we do not have $\frac{3}{4}$ " or more of precipitation a week
2. **Weeding:** This is as needed but can be done while watering
3. **Pest Scouting/Removal:** Looking for insect pests, aphids, mites, scale, caterpillars, etc... Heavy infestations require more time. Sometimes simple water spray will knock off the offending pest.

Tasks and Time Management Year 1 & 2 – Other Maintenance

- Dormant Pruning: Done in February/Early March
- Dormant Oil Spray: Directly after pruning
- Remove/Pinch-off Fruits: May
- For Peaches: Spray Neem for borers every other week May-Sept, around base of trunk and large branches
- Tree training: (spring and summer) Placing limb spreaders on tree for good structure
- Summer Pruning and sucker removal: Early August
- Mulch Trees: As needed
- Wrap trunks: In November, remove in mid-March

Tasks and Time Management Year 3+ Other Maintenance

- Dormant Pruning: Done in February/Early March
- Mulch: To increase mulch ring and add
- Dormant Oil Spray: Directly after pruning
- Organic Petal–Fall Spray: Directly after petal fall
- Fruit Thinning: Apples – Pears – Peaches (May/June)
- For Peaches: Spray Neem for borers every other week May-Sept. around base of trunk and large branches
- Tree training: (spring and summer) Adding limb spreaders for good structure
- Summer Pruning: Early August, remove excessive water sprouts and suckers
- Harvest
- Fall Fertilizing: Organic granular (October-December)
- Wrap trunks: In November, remove in mid-March