

# Fruit Tree Care

**Fall Dormant:** After the leaves drop in the fall.

This is the best time to prune and fertilize with **ferti•lome® Fruit, Citrus and Pecan Tree Food**.

Spray with **ferti•lome® Horticultural Oil** or **Hi-Yield® Dormant Oil**, thoroughly coating all the branches and trunk.

On Peaches, spray with **Natural Guard® brand by ferti•lome® Copper Soap** to prevent Peach Leaf Curl.

**Spring Dormant:** Before the buds crack and you can see color in them.

If you didn't fertilize in the fall, fertilize now with **ferti•lome® Fruit, Citrus and Pecan Tree Food**.

If you didn't spray your dormant spray in the fall, do so now with **ferti•lome® Horticultural Oil** or **Hi-Yield® Dormant Oil**.

If you had Peach Leaf Curl last year, make a second application of **Natural Guard® brand by ferti•lome® Copper Soap**.

Just prior to bud break, make an application of **ferti•lome® Fruit Tree Spray**.

**Bud Break:** When you see color in the bud, up to full bloom.

The ONLY thing you spray now is **ferti•lome® Fire Blight Spray** or **Natural Guard® brand by ferti•lome® Copper Soap** for Fire Blight. Spray, repeat in 3 to 4 days and every 7 days until blossoms drop. Mostly Apple and Pear.

**Petal Drop:** When at least 75% - 85% of the blossoms have dropped.

Make at least 3 applications 7 to 14 days apart with **ferti•lome® Fruit Tree Spray** (7 days apart during wet weather, 14 days apart when hot and dry.) This is an insecticide, fungicide and miticide.

**Bacterial or Fungal Issues:** Usually in cool wet springs/summers.

Spray with **Natural Guard® brand by ferti•lome® Copper Soap** per the label, always make at least 2 applications. Apply **ferti•lome® F-Stop** either alone or alternate with **Natural Guard® brand by ferti•lome® Copper Soap** when fungus is a concern.

**Insects:** Later in the season, after at least 3 applications of **ferti•lome® Fruit Tree Spray**.

For worms and caterpillars including codling moth, apply **Natural Guard® brand by ferti•lome® Spinosad**, repeating in 10 - 14 days. For soft-bodied insects, including aphids, apply **Natural Guard® brand by ferti•lome® Insecticidal Soap**. Spray early in the morning, late in the evening or on a cloudy day to avoid burning. For a hard-chemistry, broad spectrum insecticide, apply **Hi-Yield® Garden & Farm Insect Control Spray**.

**Fertilizer:** Early spring or late fall or after storm damage to help recovery.

Use **ferti•lome® Fruit, Citrus and Pecan Tree Food**. One application per year is sufficient, don't over apply. Use **Hi-Yield® Zinc Sulfate** on Pecans to help prevent and control Rosette.

**Injury:**

On fruit trees prune out damaged area and apply **ferti•lome® Pruning Seal** or **ferti•lome® Pruning Paint**. This helps to keep insects out and helps prevent rot on soft wood. Also fertilize for recovery.



Dormant



Bud Break



Full Bloom



Petal Drop  
Fruit Set



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