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Cherry Tree Care Calendar



Typical months in zones 5, 6 and 8: zones 5, 6 and 8 worked out from frost dates at a representative location. Shift them by your local frost dates and by what your trees are doing.

The jobs particular to cherry trees; the zone calendars add the care every fruit tree needs. A dash means no source on this sheet gives the job for that zone.

	Job	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 8
☐	Prune out black knot galls in late winter	Feb–Mar	Feb–Mar	Dec–Jan
☐	Prune cherries in late winter, after hard cold	Feb–Mar	Feb–Mar	Jan–Feb
☐	Hang yellow sticky traps for cherry fruit fly Bearing trees	May–Jun	May–Jun	Apr
☐	Cut root suckers to the ground	Jun–Jul	—	—
☐	Net trees against birds as fruit ripens Bearing trees	Jun–Aug	—	—
☐	Pick tart cherries when soft and full-flavored Tart cherries · Bearing trees	Jun–Jul	Jul	Jul
☐	Collect fallen cherries as fruit ripens Bearing trees	Jun–Jul	Jun–Jul	May–Jun
☐	Pick sweet cherries when colored and sweet Sweet cherries · Bearing trees	Jun–Jul	Jun–Jul	May–Jun
☐	Remove fallen and unpicked cherries after harvest Bearing trees	Jul–Sep	Jul–Sep	—
☐	Remove mummies, fallen fruit and dead twigs Bearing trees	Oct–Nov	Oct–Dec	Nov–Dec

Notes

Sources: Iowa State University Extension and Outreach; Oregon State University Extension Service; University of Saskatchewan and 4 more (full list at the web address on the left)

Data as of 15 Nov 2026