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Citrus Tree Care Calendar

Typical months in zones 9 and 10: zones 9 and 10 from warm-region extension month rules. Shift them by what your trees are doing.

The jobs particular to citrus 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 9	Zone 10
☐	Choose cold-hardy citrus where freezes are common New trees	Jan–Mar	—
☐	Feed established citrus just before bloom Bearing trees	Jan–Mar	Jan–Mar
☐	Feed young citrus lightly and often Young trees	Feb–Oct	Feb–Oct
☐	Prune citrus lightly in spring	Feb–Apr	Feb–Apr
☐	Plant citrus in spring after frost danger New trees	Mar–Apr	Mar–Apr
☐	Water new citrus trees often at first New trees	Mar–May	Mar–May
☐	Check new leaf flushes for citrus psyllids	Mar–Nov	Mar–Nov
☐	Expect heavy fruit drop after bloom Bearing trees	Mar–Jun	Mar–Jun
☐	Water citrus deeply, not daily, in summer	Apr–Sep	Apr–Sep
☐	Give bearing citrus a second feeding Bearing trees	May–Jun	May–Jun
☐	Prune freeze damage after spring regrowth shows	May–Jun	May–Jun
☐	Leave leafminer-curled leaves on the tree	Jun–Oct	Jun–Oct
☐	Check your region's advice before fall feeding Bearing trees	Aug–Oct	Aug–Oct
☐	Skip pruning from late summer into winter	Aug–Jan	Aug–Jan
☐	Keep weeds off citrus roots; clear before freezes	Oct–Nov	Oct–Nov
☐	Harvest citrus from fall into winter Bearing trees	Nov–Mar	Nov–Mar
☐	Cover small citrus trees before a freeze	Dec–Feb	Dec–Feb
☐	Build a soil bank around young trunks Young trees	Dec–Feb	Dec–Feb
☐	Move potted citrus to shelter during freezes	Dec–Feb	Dec–Feb
☐	Pick ripe fruit ahead of a hard freeze Bearing trees	Dec–Feb	Dec–Feb

Notes

Sources: Texas A&M AgriLife; LSU AgCenter; UC Agriculture and Natural Resources and 2 more (full list at the web address on the left)

Data as of 15 Nov 2026