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Fig Tree Care Calendar

Typical months in zones 7, 8 and 9: zones 7 and 8 worked out from frost dates at a representative location; zone 9 from warm-region extension month rules. Shift them by your local frost dates and by what your trees are doing.

The jobs particular to fig trees; the zone calendars add the care every fruit tree needs. Zone 9 comes from warm-region guides, which list fewer and different jobs for these trees than the guides behind the cooler zones, so many rows run in one or the other. A dash means no source on this sheet gives the job for that zone.

	Job	Zone 7	Zone 8	Zone 9
☐	Choose three to eight leaders for a bush Young trees	Feb	Jan–Feb	—
☐	Prune figs lightly, at your region's time	Feb	Jan–Feb	Oct–Mar
☐	Plant figs in spring, deeper than before New trees	Mar–Apr	Feb–Mar	—
☐	Feed figs lightly, or not at all	Mar	Feb	—
☐	Check stems and cut out winter-killed wood	Apr	Mar	—
☐	Head back last year's growth for branching	Apr	Mar	—
☐	Remove winter covers after spring frost danger	Apr	Mar	—
☐	Keep figs mulched and watered through summer	May–Oct	Apr–Oct	Jul–Oct
☐	Note the early breba crop in June Bearing trees	Jun–Jul	Jun–Jul	—
☐	Pick figs when necks wilt and fruit droops Bearing trees	Aug–Nov	Aug–Nov	—
☐	Watch ripening figs for souring Bearing trees	Aug–Nov	Aug–Nov	Jul–Oct
☐	Skip late-summer feeding that pushes tender growth	Sep–Oct	Sep–Oct	—
☐	Water figs a few days before hard freezes	Nov–Jan	Dec–Feb	—
☐	Move potted figs into a cool, dark shelter	Nov–Dec	Dec	—
☐	Rake up and remove fallen fig leaves	Dec	Dec–Jan	—
☐	Protect figs with mounded mulch in late fall	Dec	Dec–Jan	—
☐	Pick brebas before the main crop Bearing trees	—	—	Jul
☐	Check figs daily and pick before rain Bearing trees	—	—	Jul–Oct
☐	Rake up rust-spotted fig leaves	—	—	Jul–Sep
☐	Plant bare-root figs December to February New trees	—	—	Dec–Feb

Sources: University of Georgia Extension; Clemson Cooperative Extension; NC State Extension and 8 more (full list at the web address on the left)

Data as of 15 Nov 2026