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June Orchard Checklist

The June jobs for your fruit trees, by climate band. Months are typical for each band: let your local frost dates and your trees have the final say.

Cold zones 3–5

- ☐ Collect fallen cherries as fruit ripens
  As fruit ripens · Cherries · Bearing trees · Zone 5 only
- ☐ Pick tart cherries when soft and full-flavored
  Late June to late July in Minnesota · Tart cherries · Bearing trees · Zones 4, 5
- ☐ Pick sweet cherries when colored and sweet
  Early summer, as the fruit colors · Sweet cherries · Bearing trees · Zone 5 only
- ☐ Pinch out shoots competing with the leader
  Early summer, while shoots are soft · Apples · Young trees
- ☐ Rub off water sprouts in early summer
  Late spring to early summer · Apples · Bearing trees
- ☐ Plum curculio window opens at petal fall †
  Petal fall and the following three weeks · Apples · Bearing trees
- ☐ Cut out fire blight strikes promptly
  The month after bloom, and whenever strikes appear · Apples, pears
- ☐ Hang red sphere traps for apple maggot
  Mid-June in Pennsylvania-type climates, as the flies emerge · Apples · Bearing trees · Zone 5 only
- ☐ Bag apples against apple maggot after thinning
  Early to mid-June in Minnesota, after thinning · Apples · Bearing trees · Zones 3, 4
- ☐ Thin apples to one per cluster
  Two to six weeks after bloom · Apples · Bearing trees
- ☐ Thin peaches to 6 to 8 inches apart
  Within about six weeks after bloom · Peaches, nectarines · Bearing trees · Zone 5 only
- ☐ Thin heavy plum crops to 3–4 inches
  Mid to late June in Maine · Plums · Bearing trees · Zones 4, 5
- ☐ Thin apricots to 4 to 6 inches
  Four to six weeks after full bloom · Apricots · Bearing trees · Zone 5 only
- ☐ Cut root suckers to the ground
  June and July in Minnesota · Stone fruit and cherries · Zones 4, 5
- ☐ Net trees against birds as fruit ripens
  June through August in Minnesota, as fruit ripens · Cherries, plums, apricots · Bearing trees · Zones 4, 5

Middle zones 6–7

- ☐ Collect fallen cherries as fruit ripens
  As fruit ripens · Cherries · Bearing trees
- ☐ Pick sweet cherries when colored and sweet
  Early summer, as the fruit colors · Sweet cherries · Bearing trees
- ☐ Note the early breba crop in June
  June to July · Figs · Bearing trees · Zone 7 only
- ☐ Prop or lighten limbs bowing under fruit
  As the fruit sizes, through summer · Stone fruit, apples, pears, persimmons · Bearing trees · Zone 7 only
- ☐ Rub off water sprouts in early summer
  Late spring to early summer · Apples · Bearing trees
- ☐ Hang red sphere traps for apple maggot
  Mid-June in Pennsylvania-type climates, as the flies emerge · Apples · Bearing trees
- ☐ Thin heavy plum crops to 3–4 inches
  Mid to late June in Maine · Plums · Bearing trees · Zone 6 only
- ☐ Thin apricots to 4 to 6 inches
  Four to six weeks after full bloom · Apricots · Bearing trees · Zone 6 only
- ☐ Pick peaches when flesh yields to thumb pressure
  North Carolina: late May to August · continues

Warm zones 8–10

- ☐ Leave leafminer-curled leaves on the tree
  Summer and fall flushes · Citrus · Zones 9, 10
- ☐ Note the early breba crop in June
  June to July · Figs · Bearing trees · Zone 8 only
- ☐ Thin heavy persimmon crops to 6 inches
  About three weeks after bloom · Persimmons · Bearing trees · Zone 9 only
- ☐ Remove unwanted suckers in mid-summer
  Mid-summer, and whenever suckers appear · Pomegranates
- ☐ Water deeply through the summer peak
  June to August · Stone fruit and cherries, apples, pears, figs, persimmons, pomegranates · Zones 9, 10
- ☐ Thin apples just after the June drop
  June, just after the June drop · Apples · Bearing trees · Zone 9 only
- ☐ Pick low-chill apples by taste
  June in the Arizona low desert · Apples · Bearing trees · Zone 9 only
- ☐ Pick pears as each kind ripens
  June (Asian pears, Arizona) to September (Texas) · Pears · Bearing trees · Zone 9 only
- ☐ Pick sweet cherries when colored and sweet
  Early summer, as the fruit colors · continues
- ☐ Pick peaches when flesh yields to thumb pressure
  North Carolina: late May to August · continues
- ☐ Pick apricots slightly soft, late May to June
  Late May to early June (Arizona low desert) · continues

† Timing only. Follow your state or provincial extension's home-orchard spray guide and the product label.

Sources: University of Saskatchewan; University of Minnesota; Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and 16 more (full list at the web address on the left)

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