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November Orchard Checklist

The November 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

- ☐ Cut grass short around young trees
  Late fall · Young trees
- ☐ Fit hardware-cloth guards against mice and rabbits
  Late fall, before winter feeding starts · Young trees
- ☐ Fence or cage trees where deer browse
  Late fall, through winter
- ☐ Water deeply before the ground freezes
  Late fall, before the ground freezes
- ☐ Mulch new trees and fill soil cracks
  Late fall, before the ground freezes · New trees
- ☐ Rake up and destroy fallen leaves
  After leaf fall · Pears · Zones 4, 5
- ☐ Rake up fallen leaves and fruit
  After leaf fall · Apples
- ☐ Peach leaf curl treatment window after leaf fall †
  Just after leaf fall; again before bud swell in wet winters · Peaches, nectarines · Zone 5 only
- ☐ Wrap young trunks against winter sunscald
  Fall, before freezing weather · Young trees
- ☐ Pick apples as the ground color turns
  About 100 to 180 days after bloom, by variety · continues
- ☐ Chill the harvest quickly and keep it humid
  Through harvest · continues

Middle zones 6–7

- ☐ Water figs a few days before hard freezes
  Ahead of hard freezes in dry falls and winters · Figs · Zone 7 only
- ☐ Move potted figs into a cool, dark shelter
  After a hard frost · Figs · Zone 7 only
- ☐ Cut grass short around young trees
  Late fall · Young trees · Zone 6 only
- ☐ Fit hardware-cloth guards against mice and rabbits
  Late fall, before winter feeding starts · Young trees · Zone 6 only
- ☐ Wrap young trunks against winter sunscald
  Fall, before freezing weather · Young trees
- ☐ Paint trunks white after two years of guards
  Late fall · Young trees · Zone 6 only
- ☐ Water deeply before the ground freezes
  Late fall, before the ground freezes · Zone 6 only
- ☐ Rake up and destroy fallen leaves
  After leaf fall · Pears · Zone 6 only
- ☐ Rake up fallen leaves and fruit
  After leaf fall · Apples · Zone 6 only
- ☐ Peach leaf curl treatment window after leaf fall †
  Just after leaf fall; again before bud swell in wet winters · Peaches, nectarines · Zone 6 only
- ☐ Remove mummies, fallen fruit and dead twigs
  After harvest, through leaf fall · Stone fruit and cherries · Bearing trees
- ☐ Pick figs when necks wilt and fruit droops
  Mid-August through frost · continues
- ☐ Pick persimmons by type, before hard frost
  Fall, around the first frost · continues

Warm zones 8–10

- ☐ Harvest citrus from fall into winter
  November to March · Citrus · Bearing trees · Zones 9, 10
- ☐ Order trees for spring planting
  Fall and early winter, before planting season · New trees · Zone 8 only
- ☐ Remove mummies, fallen fruit and dead twigs
  After harvest, through leaf fall · Stone fruit and cherries · Bearing trees · Zone 8 only
- ☐ Peach leaf curl treatment window after leaf fall †
  Late November or December, just after leaf fall · Peaches, nectarines · Zones 9, 10
- ☐ Pick figs when necks wilt and fruit droops
  Mid-August through frost · continues
- ☐ Pick persimmons by type, before hard frost
  Fall, around the first frost · continues
- ☐ Pick persimmons by type as they color
  August to December, by variety · continues

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

Sources: University of Minnesota; University of Saskatchewan; Utah State University Extension and 13 more (full list at the web address on the left)

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