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Zone 10 Fruit Tree Care Calendar

Months are typical for zone 10, taken from warm-region extension guides (Florida, Texas, California, Georgia, Louisiana, Arizona). Shift them by what your trees are doing.

For peaches, pomegranates and citrus. Only one or two varieties of apples and figs are rated a good fit here, so they have no tasks on this sheet. Check off each job as you do it; small print under a month lists short jobs still running from earlier.

All season, once started

CITRUS

Skip pruning from late summer into winter (Aug–Jan)
Harvest citrus from fall into winter (Nov–Mar)
Cover small citrus trees before a freeze (Dec–Feb)
Build a soil bank around young trunks (Dec–Feb)
Move potted citrus to shelter during freezes (Dec–Feb)
Feed young citrus lightly and often (Feb–Oct)
Check new leaf flushes for citrus psyllids (Mar–Nov)
Expect heavy fruit drop after bloom (Mar–Jun)
Water citrus deeply, not daily, in summer (Apr–Sep)
Leave leafminer-curled leaves on the tree (Jun–Oct)

PEACHES, POMEGRANATES

Keep a weed-free, mulched circle around trees (Dec–Mar)
Paint trunks white against sunburn (Dec–Mar)
Water young trees weekly once growth starts (Mar–Sep)

PEACHES

Feed established trees at bud break (Feb–May)
Feed young trees once new growth shows (Mar–Jun)
Prune peaches again after harvest (May–Aug)

POMEGRANATES

Pick pomegranates that ring when tapped (Jul–Nov)

January — 7 JOBS

- ☐ Feed established citrus just before bloom — Citrus · Bearing trees
- ☐ Prune pomegranates lightly in late winter — Pomegranates
- ☐ Choose trunks while the plant is young — Pomegranates · Young trees

Still going: Pick ripe fruit ahead of a hard freeze; Plant dormant fruit trees in winter; Head back new trees to knee height; Prune dormant fruit trees in winter

February — 11 JOBS

- ☐ Feed young citrus lightly and often — Citrus · Young trees
- ☐ Prune citrus lightly in spring — Citrus
- ☐ Feed established trees at bud break — Peaches · Bearing trees
- ☐ Thin peaches before pits harden — Peaches · Bearing trees · Florida

Still going: Feed established citrus just before bloom; Prune pomegranates lightly in late winter; Choose trunks while the plant is young; Pick ripe fruit ahead of a hard freeze; Plant dormant fruit trees in winter; Head back new trees to knee height; Prune dormant fruit trees in winter

March — 10 JOBS

- ☐ Plant citrus in spring after frost danger — Citrus · New trees
- ☐ Water new citrus trees often at first — Citrus · New trees
- ☐ Check new leaf flushes for citrus psyllids — Citrus
- ☐ Expect heavy fruit drop after bloom — Citrus · Bearing trees
- ☐ Water young trees weekly once growth starts — Peaches, pomegranates · Young trees
- ☐ Feed young trees once new growth shows — Peaches · Young trees
- ☐ Pick peaches firm ripe — Peaches · Bearing trees · Florida and Arizona

Still going: Feed established citrus just before bloom; Prune citrus lightly in spring; Thin peaches before pits harden

April — 6 JOBS

- ☐ Water at the ground, not overhead, in bloom — Pomegranates · Bearing trees
- ☐ Water citrus deeply, not daily, in summer — Citrus

Still going: Prune citrus lightly in spring; Plant citrus in spring after frost danger; Water new citrus trees often at first; Pick peaches firm ripe

May — 6 JOBS

- ☐ Give bearing citrus a second feeding — Citrus · Bearing trees
- ☐ Prune freeze damage after spring regrowth shows — Citrus
- ☐ Prune peaches again after harvest — Peaches · Bearing trees

Still going: Water new citrus trees often at first; Pick peaches firm ripe; Water at the ground, not overhead, in bloom

June — 6 JOBS

- ☐ Leave leafminer-curled leaves on the tree — Citrus
- ☐ Water deeply through the summer peak — Peaches, pomegranates
- ☐ Remove unwanted suckers in mid-summer — Pomegranates

Still going: Water at the ground, not overhead, in bloom; Give bearing citrus a second feeding; Prune freeze damage after spring regrowth shows

July — 3 JOBS

- ☐ Pick pomegranates that ring when tapped — Pomegranates · Bearing trees

Still going: Water deeply through the summer peak; Remove unwanted suckers in mid-summer

August — 6 JOBS

- ☐ Keep watering even to prevent fruit splitting — Pomegranates · Bearing trees
- ☐ Skip nitrogen in late summer and early fall — Pomegranates
- ☐ Check your region's advice before fall feeding — Citrus · Bearing trees
- ☐ Skip pruning from late summer into winter — Citrus

Still going: Water deeply through the summer peak; Remove unwanted suckers in mid-summer

September — 6 JOBS

- ☐ Pick pomegranates that ring when tapped — continues
- ☐ Check new leaf flushes for citrus psyllids — continues
- ☐ Feed young citrus lightly and often — continues

Still going: Keep watering even to prevent fruit splitting; Skip nitrogen in late summer and early fall; Check your region's advice before fall feeding

October — 4 JOBS

- ☐ Keep weeds off citrus roots; clear before freezes — Citrus

Still going: Keep watering even to prevent fruit splitting; Skip nitrogen in late summer and early fall; Check your region's advice before fall feeding

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November

3 JOBS

- ☐ Harvest citrus from fall into winter — Citrus · Bearing trees
- ☐ Peach leaf curl treatment window after leaf fall † — Peaches

Still going: Keep weeds off citrus roots; clear before freezes

December

10 JOBS

- ☐ Cover small citrus trees before a freeze — Citrus
- ☐ Build a soil bank around young trunks — Citrus · Young trees
- ☐ Move potted citrus to shelter during freezes — Citrus
- ☐ Pick ripe fruit ahead of a hard freeze — Citrus · Bearing trees
- ☐ Plant dormant fruit trees in winter — Peaches, pomegranates · New trees
- ☐ Head back new trees to knee height — Peaches · New trees
- ☐ Keep a weed-free, mulched circle around trees — Peaches, pomegranates · Young trees
- ☐ Prune dormant fruit trees in winter — Peaches
- ☐ Paint trunks white against sunburn — Peaches, pomegranates

Still going: Peach leaf curl treatment window after leaf fall

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