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## WINTER DORMANT SEASON

-  Inspect bark for signs of bacterial cankers or borer
-  Plant new trees - prune and protect them from predators
-  Consider winter oil spray if aphids were a problem
-  Encourage pollination by planting diverse understorey
-  Put out fruit fly monitoring traps
-  Spray mid-winter organic fungicide if disease was bad last season






## SPRING FLOWERING & EARLY GROWTH

-  Use organic spray program to prevent fungal diseases
-  Frost protection when trees flowering
-  Ensure sufficient soil moisture before flowering
-  Apply sticky barrier to exclude crawling insects
-  Manage crop load with fruit thinning
-  Keep grass under trees short or plant preferred understorey
-  Net trees to protect from insects & birds

## SUMMER FRUIT RIPENING & HARVEST

-  Use regular organic sprays (if needed) to prevent brown rot
-  Harvest fruit when ripe
-  Make sure all fruit is picked up off the ground or from the tree
-  Water regularly throughout growing season
-  Monthly applications of soil food—compost tea, fish, kelp

## AUTUMN POST-HARVEST

-  Prune trees late summer to reduce disease risk
-  Plant green manure to prepare soil before planting new trees
-  Remove diseased prunings or remnant leaves from tree
-  Reduce watering as season cools
-  Add compost to enrich soil

## ACTIVITY KEY

-  PEST CONTROL
-  PRUNING
-  DISEASE PREVENTION
-  SOIL & BIODIVERSITY
-  FRUIT THINNING
-  FROST PROTECTION
-  WATERING
-  PICKING
-  HYGIENE

## BONUS TIPS FOR SUCCESS

-  MONITOR TREES WEEKLY
-  KEEP A FRUIT TREE DIARY
-  FOLLOW A PROVEN SYSTEM
-  EXPECT GOOD CROPS!
-  AIM FOR DIVERSITY
-  FIND A MENTOR