

Hands-on Activity Directions: Calendar of tasks for Fruit Crops



1 hour

Learning Objective(s): Participants will...

Identify keys to success in a garden setting for:

- Trees (apples, pears, peaches, cherry, plum)
- Woody vines (grapes & kiwi)
- Bushes/shrubs (elderberries, currants, gooseberries, blueberries)
- Herbaceous perennials (raspberries & blackberries)
- Ground cover (strawberries)

Supplies:

Handouts:

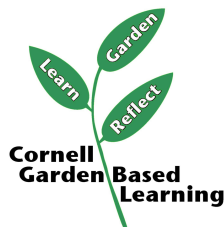
- *Activity Calendar for Fruit Crops* Worksheet,
- *Activity Calendar for Fruit Crops* Worksheet KEY,

Materials: *Cornell Guide to Growing Fruit at Home* resource (found in GBL library)



Mulching newly planted strawberries with straw. Credit: Justin James Muir

Instructions: Review *Cornell Guide to Growing Fruit at Home* and then work to list out activities for the fruit crops in the *Activity Calendar for Fruit Crops* worksheet. In the first table for each crop you will list the activities conducted in the first year they are planted (e.g. planting, watering, mulching). The second table should be a list of subsequent yearly maintenance for the crop for the years after. There is also a notes section for any additional information you may want to list. For an example of how to do this, look at the first crop's activities (tree fruits) listed in the answer key.



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