



Spring

- Spring is a great time to remove unwanted fruit trees
- Pick and dispose any excess ripe winter fruits like citrus
- Time to set up your Queensland Fruit Fly (QFF) monitoring traps

High Risk Spring Host Fruits:

Citrus

Summer

- Summer is an important time to keep an eye out for QFF and manage the fruit and vegetables in your garden
- Net your veggie garden and fruit trees before the fruit ripens
- Pick up fallen fruit every day
- Monitor for QFF in your garden

High Risk Summer Host Fruits & Vegetables:

Cherries, stone fruit, plums, tomatoes, capsicum, chillies

Autumn

- Pick up fallen fruit and harvest ripe vegetable. Don't leave them to rot in your garden
- Treat any fallen and infested fruit and vegetables to kill any maggots. These can be burnt, solarised (heat treated), drowned or frozen

High Risk Autumn Host Fruits:

Apples, pears, quinces, early citrus (e.g. mandarins), pomegranates and ornamental fruits like pineapple guava.

Winter

- Winter is the best time to prune your fruit trees to a height that makes them easy to manage for picking and netting
- Remove unwanted or unmanaged fruit trees and collect any fallen fruits

Fruit left on the tree can provide a winter harbour for QFF so it's best to use it or remove it. QFF can 'overwinter' in heat sinks such as a lemon tree close to the house or shed. Move traps around the garden out of deciduous trees into evergreens in these heat sink areas.

High Risk Winter Host Fruits:

Apples, pears, quinces, pomegranates and citrus

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