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CALENDAR OF SMALL FRUITS

- JANUARY** Dormant spray brambles and red raspberries. Prune grapes, brambles, and blueberries.
- FEBRUARY** Prune grapes, currants, elderberries, and gooseberries. Cut back raspberries and brambles.
- MARCH** Fertilize and spray cane and trailing berries to control cane borer. Plant small fruits except for strawberries.
- APRIL** Plant strawberries. Spray blueberries for bacterial diseases. Fertilize blueberries in late April just as winter rains quit.
- MAY** Cut blooms off of new strawberries. Watch for powdery mildew on grapes. Spray for botrytis on blueberries. Fertilize blueberries.
- JUNE** Raspberry and strawberry harvest begins at the end of June.
- JULY** Blueberry harvest begins. Cut back old raspberry canes after harvest. Cut runners from first year strawberries. Irrigate as needed. Control birds.
- AUGUST** Cut back old canes after raspberry harvest (the dead canes). Fertilize strawberries. Continue harvesting blueberries and blackberries. Control birds.
- SEPTEMBER** Harvest elderberries. Early grapes MAY be ripe. Cut back brambles after harvest. Clean up patch.
- OCTOBER** Cut back fall raspberries. Spray for bacterial canker and leaf spot. Start weed control. Pick up irrigation equipment.
- NOVEMBER** Mulch small fruits as needed to protect from winter freezes. Lime all but blueberries and strawberries.
- DECEMBER** Dormant spray bramble, grape, raspberry, and blueberry with copper or lime sulfur.

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