

PRUNING RESOURCE LIST

*(based on questions received in various
Tree Pruning and Fruit Tree Pruning Webinars)*

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All of the NMSU Cooperative Extension Publications

<https://aces.nmsu.edu/pubs/howto/howto.html>

Find your County Cooperative Extension Agent/Office

<https://aces.nmsu.edu/county/>

Pruning tips and resources

Pollarding <https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/rcs-pollarding.shtml>

Topping <https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/do-not-top.shtml>

Tree Pruning Techniques https://aces.nmsu.edu/pubs/_h/H156/welcome.html

Pruning the Home Orchard https://aces.nmsu.edu/pubs/_h/H327/welcome.html

Dos and Don'ts <https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2020/01/pruning.html>

Fruit Thinning <https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2019/06/thinning-fruit-for-tree-health.html>

When to prune

<https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2020/02/when-to-prune-considerations-galore.html>

<https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2020/08/pruning-during-summer-is-okay-and.html>

Disinfecting pruning tools

<https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/403/2015/03/Pruning.pdf>

Dead branch removal <https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/dead-branch-removal.shtml>

Pruning Weeping Trees and Shrubs <https://www.johnson.k-state.edu/docs/lawn-and-garden/in-house-publications/garden-maintenance/Pruning%20Weeping%20Trees%20and%20Shrubs.pdf>

Other GREAT Resources:

<https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/pruning.shtml>

<https://www.treesaregood.org/treeowner/pruningyourtrees>

General fruit tree info for NM

Fruits and Nuts for New Mexico Orchards

https://aces.nmsu.edu/pubs/_h/H310/welcome.html

Selecting fruit trees <https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2019/04/picky-picky-selecting-right-fruit-tree.html>

Match Maker: Picking the Right Shrub/Tree for Your Area

<https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2020/05/match-maker-picking-right-tree-for-your.html>

Info for Specific Fruit Species

Jujube https://aces.nmsu.edu/pubs/_h/H337/welcome.html (tons more jujube info: <https://aces.nmsu.edu/ujube/>)

Grapes https://aces.nmsu.edu/pubs/_h/H303/welcome.html (tons more grape info: <https://aces.nmsu.edu/ces/viticulture/>)

Figs

<https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2017/12/growing-figs-in-new-mexico-how-to-get.html>

https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2018/08/pick-figs-now-propagate-cuttings-later_2.html

<https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/crop-production/fig-production-guide/#:~:text=Beginning%20the%20second%20year%20after,with%20growth%20of%20the%20leaders.>

Pomegranates <https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2019/03/pruning-pomegranates.html>

Apples

Fire Blight <https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2020/07/peak-fire-blight-season.html>

Propagation <https://apples.extension.org/apple-tree-propagation/>

Few Fruit <https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2018/03/my-apple-trees-are-trying-very-trying.html>

Aphids <https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2019/05/aphid-issues-pop-up-in-surprising-spots.html>

Pistachio Sap Oozing – I haven't found a definite answer for this question, BUT I have 2 ideas: 1) sunscald on the trunk may be the problem (see link below), 2) contact your County Extension Agent and/or NMSU Pistachio Extension Specialist Dr. Richard Heerema (rjheerema@nmsu.edu). Also, even healthy pistacia species tend to ooze, so there may not be a problem.

Stone Fruit (apricots, peaches, cherries, etc.)

Chill Hours <https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2019/11/chillseeker.html>

Frost Protection <https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2019/03/late-frost-fear-protecting-fruit-trees.html>

Aphids <https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2019/04/managing-aphid-outbreaks-on-fruit-trees.html>

Borers <https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2018/03/peach-tree-borers-are-problem-worth.html>

Diagnosing Tree Problems:

<https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2020/04/whats-wrong-with-my-tree.html>

Don't Jump to Conclusions when Diagnosing Tree Problems

(Part I) <https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2019/01/dont-jump-to-conclusions-when.html>

(PART 2) <https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2019/02/part-2-dont-jump-to-conclusions-when.html>

Sap Seeping from Pine Trees

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/askextension/thisQuestion.cfm?ThreadID=11651&catID=34&AskSiteID=34>

<https://aces.nmsu.edu/ces/yard/1999/091399.html>

Tree Irrigation

Recommendation guidelines from the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority https://www.505outside.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/WBTS-_all4_Final_OL_for-PRINT_7_5-x-6.pdf

Knowing How Much to Water, PART I:

<https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2019/04/southwest-yard-and-garden-knowing-how.html>

Knowing How Much to Water, Part II:

<https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2019/05/knowning-how-much-to-water-part-ii.html>

Winter Irrigation: Same Depth, Less Frequent

<https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2019/11/same-depth-less-frequent-irrigating-in.html>

Tree Planting, LESS fertilizer, MORE mulch, and problems with girdling roots

<https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2018/01/planting-trees-hole-story.html>

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJmi99gxnFQ>

<https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/search?q=mulch>

<https://nmsudesertblooms.blogspot.com/2018/03/fertilizer-for-thought-caring-for-your.html>

<https://nmsdesertblooms.blogspot.com/2020/02/soil-searching-amendments-are-no-longer.html>

Sunscald (aka Southwest Injury) <https://nmsdesertblooms.blogspot.com/2018/02/white-washed-tree-trunks-reduce.html>

Fall webworms <https://nmsdesertblooms.blogspot.com/2017/09/southwest-yard-and-garden-fall-webworms.html>

Mis-Staking Trees <https://nmsdesertblooms.blogspot.com/2018/03/mis-staking-with-good-intentions.html>