Purpose of Pruning Fruit Trees, Vines, and Bushes-

- Train and shape for development
- Increased fruit yield and quality + plant longevity
- Reduced limb breakage
- Remove dead, diseased, and broken, limbs, vines, or canes
- Open up tree, vine, or bush for light penetration and air flow
- Reduce disease infection
- Allows for thorough coverage of pest prevention sprays

Suggested Fruit Varieties for the Home Garden


**Peaches** – “Red Haven”, “Encore”, “Surecrop”, “Contender”, “Carolina Gold”, “China Pearl”, “Nectar” (listed in order of flowering date)


**Blackberries** – “Natchez”, “Ouachita”, “Navaho”, “Apache”, “Triple Crown” (Listed left to right in order of ripening) “Prime Ark 45” (bears spring and fall)

**Blueberries (Rabbiteye Types)** – “Tifblue”, “Bluebell”, “Climax”, “Garden Blue”, “Premier”, “Powderblue”

**Blueberries (Southern Highbush Types)** - “Legacy”, “Blue Ridge”; (Northern Highbush Types) - “Duke”, “Blue Ray”, “Blue Crop”

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Fruit Tree Pruning

Common Fruit Tree Training Systems
- Central Leader
- Modified Central Leader
- Open Vase (or center)

Apple tree pruning progression to “Central Leader System”

Pruning ‘Erect’ Blackberry Varieties
Black & Purple Raspberries

Blueberry bush before and after pruning

Apple tree pruning progression to “Central Leader System”

Pruning grapevines to the “4 cane knifin” system

Stone Fruits
- Apples
- Pears

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