

Kiwicare Citrus Care Calendar

Month	Planting	Fertiliser	Watering	Pest Control	Disease Control	Pruning	Harvesting	Comments
January			Water established trees (4 years+) only when in drought. Young trees and trees in pots should be watered deep when soil is dry to the touch or leaves are curling upward. Water 2-3 times a week or daily for pots. Don't let citrus sit in water; this can cause root rot.	Some citrus trees are susceptible to aphids , scale insects , mealy bugs , mites , whitefly and lemon tree borer .	Some citrus trees are susceptible to sooty mould (from sap sucking insects) and citrus scab .	Only prune citrus to shape the tree and provide open growth. Use sharp pruning tools. Clean your tools between trees to prevent the spread of fungal spores and bacteria. Keep your pruning tools clean and sterile wiping with methylated spirits or dilute bleach.		Look for black soot-like substance on citrus leaves or stems or ants crawling up and down the tree; this is likely an indication of sap sucking insects such as aphids or scale insects.
February		Apply citrus fertiliser	As January	As September	As September	As January		As January
March	As September		As January	As September	As September	As January		As January
April	As September		As January	As September	As September	As January	As May	
May		Apply citrus fertiliser	Stop or reduce watering in cooler months.	In late autumn or early winter ensure you clear up leaf litter and any fallen or dead fruit from beneath your fruit trees. Insect pests may overwinter in leaf litter which could re-infest the tree next season.	In late autumn or early winter ensure you clear up leaf litter and any fallen or dead fruit from beneath your fruit trees. Disease spores may overwinter in leaf litter which could re-infect the tree next season.	As January	Most citrus fruits are ready to pick in winter*, but the month depends on the type of citrus and the area of NZ. The colour of citrus fruit is less important than the flavour. Cold autumn weather produces the colour change in citrus fruit, but usually fruit are not ready for harvest.	*Some, such as Valencia oranges, are ready to harvest in summer. In cooler parts on NZ citrus should be protected from freezing conditions.
June			As May	Apply Kiwicare Organic Super Spraying Oil to trees to control mites, scale and aphid eggs.	Spray with PLANThealth Copper Fungicide .	As January	As May	
July			As May		Spray with Organic Super Sulphur .	Do not prune before or during spring.	As May	Pruning before or during spring risks lemon tree borer attack through cuts.
August		Apply citrus fertiliser	As May			As July		
September	Small fruit trees enjoy well-drained sandy soil of moderate fertility and sheltered direct sun. Add Gro-Sure Planting Magic to the hole and back-fill soil when planting shrubs. Water well and often until established. See Growing Small Fruit Trees		As January	Check for and treat any insect pests.	Check for and treat any diseases.	As July		Remove weeds before planting.
October	As September	Apply citrus fertiliser	As January	As September	As September	As July		
November	As September		As January	As September	As September	As July		As January
December		Apply citrus fertiliser	As January	As September	As September	As January		As January