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# RECOMMENDED RESOURCES ON FRUIT TREES

Washington State University and King County Cooperative Extension provides a wealth of information to the home gardener and orchardist. Years of extensive research by WSU in fruit tree care, propagation and selection has produced some of the most valuable information available anywhere, and most of it is free.

A catalog of brochures is available on the internet (<http://pubs.wsu.edu>) or by dialing 296-DIAL (206/296-3425) and leaving your name and address following the recorded instructions.

Cooperative Extension Brochures on Fruit Trees are:

EB0937 - 'Tree Fruit Varieties for Western Washington'

EB1436 - 'Apple Cultivars for Puget Sound'

EB0846 - 'Disease & Insect Spray Schedule for Home Orchards' (Apples, Pears, Crabs)

EB0918 - 'Disease & Insect Spray Schedule for Home Orchards' (Apricots, Cherries, Flowering Prunes, Peaches and Plums)

EB0838 - 'Why Fruit Trees Fail To Bear'

PNW0121 - 'Nutrient Disorders in Tree Fruits'

EB1595 - 'Orchard Soil Sampling'

You may also use your touch-tone phone to hear informational tapes at 296-DIAL.

Cooperative Extension Tapes on Fruit Trees are:

811 Apple Maggots, 1813 Apple Scab, 1814 Peach Leaf Curl, 1815 Brown Rot of Stone Fruit, 1816 Bacterial Canker of Stone Fruit, 1821 Sweet Cherries, 1822 Plums and Prunes, 1824 Apple Varieties, 1831 Planting Fruit Trees, 1832 Grafting Fruit Trees, 1833 Pruning Fruit Trees, 1836 Cross-pollination of Fruit Trees, 1842 Storing Apples and Pears

Cooperative Extension Book on Fruit Tree Diseases:

*Virus and Viruslike Diseases of Pome Fruits and Simulating Noninfectious Disorders*. Paul Fridlund, ed. WSU Cooperative Extension Publication SPO003, July 1989. Authors from nine countries contributed chapters to this 336-page book. They bring together current research and existing information on virus diseases affecting apple, pear, and quince. Also covered are viruslike diseases and noninfectious problems, including air pollution injury, genetic disorders, herbicide damage, and nutritional disorders. 172 photos, 121 in color. \$37.50

Other Resources:

Seattle Tree Fruit Society 206/522-2273

Piper Orchard Chapter 206/362-1227 (working to restore the Piper Orchard in Carkeek Park)

If you are interested in expanding your involvement in growing tree fruits, then these chapters of the Western Cascade Fruit Society ([www.wcfs.org](http://www.wcfs.org)) are outstanding groups to join or contact for general information. WCFS sponsors an annual fruit show in October.

*Pruning*, Brickell, Christopher, (Simon & Schuster, N.Y., 1988). Exceptional book for all types of pruning. Well-illustrated and clearly written. A necessary gardening tool.

*Compendium of Apple & Pear Diseases* (St. Paul, MN: American Phytopathological Society, 1990).