

Pruning hazelnut trees : Why, when and how

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Drawing on the various approaches to pruning used in Quebec and around the world, an overview of the different techniques will be presented to address the following topics: Why, when and how should hazelnut trees produced in Quebec be pruned? In particular, the issue of whether to prune hazelnut trees early or late in the life cycle of a hazelnut grove will be addressed. There are a number of factors to consider, such as snow cover variability and state, drying caused by wind, and damage from cold temperatures and frost. A few pruning techniques will be shared, such as formative pruning at a young age, maintenance pruning and renovation or rejuvenation pruning. Expertise will be shared regarding the specific needs of hazelnut trees and the best times to prune them. Hazelnut trees should be carefully pruned to suit each tree's individual needs, taking into account their development stage, their vigour and the stress they endure.