How to Use Your Fruit Bags
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Tree Preparation
- prune tree in winter: remove suckers and unwanted branches
- if needed, adjust soil pH and apply fertilizer (between bloom and petal fall); manage weeds
- apply fungicide+insecticide (e.g. Bonide Tree Fruit Spray from Lowe’s) immediately after bloom and 10 to 14 days later
- thin when fruit is thumbnail sized, leaving 1 fruit every 4 to 5 inches

Bagging Fruit
- apply fungicide+insecticide one day prior to bagging (sanitation)
- slide bag over fruit so that the branch fits into the V-shaped notch (see picture on the right)
- cinch the two sides next to notch tightly together around the branch until the bag is closed (see picture on right)
- wrap the twist tie firmly around the cinched top of the bag (Youtube demo https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pzFA-Oll2wM)

Orchard Maintenance
- leave fruit bags in place until harvest

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