



## Pre-Bud Burst Vineyard Preparation Checklist

Ensure your vineyard is ready for the upcoming season by completing these tasks before bud burst.

Tasks	Timing	Date(s) Completed
Have pest and disease control plan > <a href="#">Learn More</a>	60 days before expected bud burst	
Order chemicals for the season	30 days before expected bud burst	
Order sticky card pest traps > <a href="#">Learn More</a>	30 days before expected bud burst	
Create a list of vineyard improvement priorities	30 days before expected bud burst	
Create a fertility plan for the season > <a href="#">Learn More</a>	30 days before expected bud burst	
Identify labor and create a budget for workers	60 days before expected bud burst	
Plan vineyard tasks based on growth > <a href="#">Learn More</a>	7-14 days before expected bud burst	
Prune the vines	<b>Finish</b> at least 14 days before historical bud burst	
Correct any pruning mistakes (wimpy wood, too long of an extension, crowded spurs, etc.)	7-14 days before expected bud burst	
Get weeds and cover crops under control	Within 14 days before expected bud burst	
Check irrigation emitters, flush lines & filters and test fertilizer injection system	30 days before bud burst	
Ground apply maintenance fertilizer application	7 days before bud burst	
Clean and calibrate your sprayer	30 days before expected bud burst	
<b>Preparing for New Plantings</b>		
Confirm vine delivery dates with the nursery	30 days before planting date	
Final soil amendments and cultivation	30 days before planting date	
Ensure trellis materials are on-site for new plantings	6 months before planting date	
Have grow tubes ready to protect baby vines	30 days before planting date	

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