

1. Get the Net

Measure the height and spread (width) of your tree. Calculate what size net you need.

$$((\text{Height}) + (\text{Spread})) \times 2 = \text{length of the side of a square net}$$

For a 10' tall tree with 8' spread:

$$((10 + 8) \times 2) = (16 \times 2) = 32' \times 32' \text{ square net}$$

Using the 17' wide net on a roll, we typically use these sizes:

- 17' square
- 34' square (two 17' x 34' panels) – close enough!



2. Thin Fruit and Install Structures

- Thin your fruit before netting
- Net before codling moths emerge, by late May
- Install structures to keep net away from fruit and leaves
- Use bamboo poles in different lengths with or without tennis balls

3. Cover the Tree

- Grab a friend or two and some long bamboo poles
- Lay netting flat on the ground in front of your tree
- Loosely secure the two front corners to bamboo poles
- Hoist the net over the top of the tree and guide the sides down so they drape evenly on all sides



4. Close It Up

- Pull netting to the tree trunk and secure with a stretchy, weatherproof tie
- Use zip ties to close gaps in sides of net that don't reach the trunk
- Leave net on the tree until harvest
- Remove fallen fruit or leaves caught in the net throughout the season
- After harvest, shake off any leaves, fold it up and store it for next year

Keep your apples and pears bug damage-free with Fruit Tree Netting

Also called anti-hail or bee netting
HDPE (high density polyethylene) filament
Reusable, lasts at least six years
Does not ravel or rip easily

Full Roll of netting

Most economical – split the cost with your neighbors
17' wide by 300' – 5100 square feet
Size when delivered: 4 ½' wide on heavy cardboard tube, about 50 pounds
Shipped by truck from Yakima
About \$225 per roll delivered. *Call to confirm current pricing.*

Wilson Orchard and Vineyard Supply

Sales: Omar Jimenez (509) 728-1184 Email: omar@wilsonirr.com

Local vendors

Magnolia Garden Center – 3213 West Smith Street, Seattle (206) 284-1161
Swansons Nursery – 9701 15th Avenue NW, Seattle (206) 782-2543

Online vendors

Different widths available

AgFabric.com – Garden Netting – search for anti-hail or insect netting

GreenhouseMegastore.com – search for anti-hail netting

Amazon.com – search for AgFabric then anti-hail or insect netting

Need more information?

See City Fruit website for updated list of vendors and more pest control info
cityfruit.org – Fruit Tree Care – Save Seattle's Apples