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SUMMER

Tree & Shrub Insect & Disease Treatment Summer 2011

Pests on Ornamentals

Lacebugs, whitefly, aphids, and weevils are serious pests of many ornamentals. [Today's treatment will control these pests for a limited time. We did not treat plants that are pest free; only the plantings that need help are treated.](#) Rainfall or overhead irrigation will not affect this spray after it has dried.

Weevils will continue to feed beyond the effective period of our treatments and will need to be treated by homeowners through September.

Target plants for weevils are rhodies, photinia, and azaleas. If weevil damage cannot be tolerated and homeowner treatments are not an option, you may want to consider replacing damaged plants with varieties that are less susceptible to weevils. Check with your local nursery for treatment and product recommendations to combat weevils, and about resistant plant varieties.

Fruit Tree Treatments

We treat fruit trees with [EverGreen EC 60-6®](#), a biological insecticide that can be used on all ornamentals and fruit trees without restriction. [EverGreen EC 60-6® will degrade after 24 hours, so you can harvest the fruit at your leisure.](#) Some worms, like apple maggots (pin-sized tunnels all through the fruit), or



codling moth larvae (one or two larger tunnels) may show up.

If apple maggots or codling moth larvae have destroyed your crops, there is help! Trapping and bagging are reliable methods of apple maggot control.

This year, we've also launched an Apple Maggot treatment program, modeled after a successful venture in Puyallup, WA. Treatments should

be done in early June and again in early July. If you missed the chance this year, consider ordering Apple Maggot treatments for next year's crop! Call our office or e-mail us for more information on trapping or apple maggot spraying.

Watering Tips

Irrigate your landscape plantings once or twice a week. Don't overdo it; too much water is worse than not enough. Native trees require very infrequent, minimal watering. Disease can easily spread through the root zone of an over-watered plant.

Home Shield Pest Prevention

Trouble with ants? Rodents? We offer inspections and treatments for "the big 6" pests- rodents (limited to rats and mice), carpenter ants, sugar ants, anobiid beetles, yellow jackets/wasps, and termites, as well as potentially damaging or nuisance pests that can invade your home, such as spiders, carpet and other beetles, grain, meal and other moths, and lady bugs, to name a few.

Please call or email us with any questions or concerns, or to order an inspection.

