



Chelan – Douglas Counties Horticultural Pest and Disease Boards

SUGGESTED SPRAY SCHEDULE FOR HOME GARDEN PEACHES/NECTARINES/APRICOTS

Growth Stage	Description	Target Information	Chemical Sprays	Important			
Dormant / Delayed Dormant	Before buds swell in spring	 For shot hole, bacterial blight, peach leaf curl and powdery mildew. When daytime temperatures reach 40 - 45 F. Overwintering scales, aphids and mites. When daytime temperature is between 45 - 55 F, with no frost forecast overnight. 	 Lime sulfur; Bordeaux mixture; Copper- based fungicide (Ex. Monterey Liqui-Cop.); Chlorothalonil (Ex. Orhto Max Garden Disease Control) Superior type petroleum horticultural oils. (Brands: Bonide, Ortho, Ferti-lome, Gordon's, etc.) 	An important stage for pest control. Finish spraying by noon to insure good dry time. <i>Never use sulfur</i> <i>products on</i> <i>apricots</i>			
Pre bloom	Buds show color, but before flower opens.	 Aphids, scale, stinkbugs, lygus bugs and coryneum blight. Repeat spray applications may be necessary in warm weather. Follow label directions 	Insecticidal soap (mix with chlorothalonil for coryneum blight control); Esfenvalerate (Ex. Ortho BugBGon Max Garden & Landscape Insect Killer); Imidacloprid (Ex. Bayer Advanced Fruit, Citrus & Vegetable Insect Control)	Plant bugs and stink bugs feed on swelling fruit and leaf buds causing buds to dry up.			
		Peach twig borer	 Spinosad (Ex. Monterey Garden Insect Spray) Esfenvalerate (Ex. Monterey Bug Buster RST) 	 Insecticidal soap not recommended for yellow-skin varieties of nectarines. 			
		Caterpillars	 Spinosad (Ex. Bonide Captain Jack's Deadbug Brew) 				
Bloom	Flowers are open	Avoid insecticide application during bloom to protect honeybees!!!!!					

Petal Fall or Shuck	Just as dead flowers fall away from young fruit.	A critical management time for: Aphids, plant bugs, stink bugs Feeding caterpillars	>	Insecticial soaps; Esfenvalerate (Ex. Ortho BugBGon Max Garden & Landscape Insect Killer); Imidacloprid (Ex.Bayer Advanced Fruit, Citrus & Vegetable Insect Control Bacillus thuringiensis Bt (Dipel pro), Spinosad (Ex. Natural Guard Spinosad Landscape & Garden Insecticide RTS)	An important time for managing pest problems. <i>Make sure spray</i> <i>covers top and bottom</i> <i>of leaves.</i>		
Summer	Warm weather	 Spotted Winged Drosphila* Peach Tree Borer Adults start emerging in June & continue through September. Eggs are laid quickly after mating. Management targets larvae hatch before boring into bark. Other pests 	7	Spinosad (Ex. Monterey Garden Insect Spray) Esfenvalerate (Ex. Ortho BugBGon Max Garden & Landscape Insect Killer) See "Pre-bloom" and "Bloom" for control	*New Pest! Spotted Winged Drosphila		
				of other listed pests.			
Fall	 Prevention of Coryneum blight (shothole), bacterial canker, and peach leaf curl. Prior to rainy weather, usually October, apply copper based fungicide or chlorothalonil as suggested in "Dormant" section. 						
Additional Information	 CAUTION – Read this guide carefully. Read the product label directions carefully. Read and follow all label directions for responsible use of any pesticide. Aphids – Seldom build up to damaging levels in home garden fruit trees. Wash them off with a stream of water from the hose, you rarely have to spray. Pesticide resistance – Vary products during the season and in following seasons to minimize pest resistance. 						
	Too much fruit to handle – Cut down tree and purchase quality fruit for use. Help commercial orchards by maintaining good care and pest management practices for your desired fruit trees!!!						
	Further information – Contact WSU Chelan County Extension at (509) 667-6540 or our website at http://county.wsu.edu/chelan-douglas/GARDENING/MG/Pages/default.aspx						
	Trade name disclaimer – Use of trade names are for example purposes only. No endorsement is intended. Other appropriately labeled products containing similar active ingredients should provide similar levels of control.						

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