



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	<ul> <li>For shot hole, bacterial blight, peach leaf curl and powdery mildew.</li> <li>When daytime temperatures reach 40 - 45 F.</li> <li>Overwintering scales, aphids and mites.</li> <li>When daytime temperature is between 45 - 55 F, with no frost forecast overnight.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lime sulfur; Bordeaux mixture; Copper- based fungicide (Ex. Monterey Liqui-Cop.); Chlorothalonil (Ex. Orhto Max Garden Disease Control)</li> <li>Superior type petroleum horticultural oils. (Brands: Bonide, Ortho, Ferti-lome, Gordon's, etc.)</li> </ul>	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.	<ul> <li>Aphids, scale, stinkbugs, lygus bugs and coryneum blight.</li> <li>Repeat spray applications may be necessary in warm weather.</li> <li>Follow label directions</li> </ul>	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	<ul> <li>Spinosad (Ex. Monterey Garden Insect Spray)</li> <li>Esfenvalerate (Ex. Monterey Bug Buster RST)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Insecticidal soap not recommended for</li> <li>yellow-skin varieties of nectarines.</li> </ul>			
		Caterpillars	<ul> <li>Spinosad (Ex. Bonide Captain Jack's Deadbug Brew)</li> </ul>				
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	<ul> <li>Spotted Winged Drosphila*</li> <li>Peach Tree Borer Adults start emerging in June &amp; continue through September. Eggs are laid quickly after mating. Management targets larvae hatch before boring into bark.</li> <li>Other pests</li> </ul>	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	<ul> <li>Prevention of Coryneum blight (shothole), bacterial canker, and peach leaf curl.</li> <li>Prior to rainy weather, usually October, apply copper based fungicide or chlorothalonil as suggested in "Dormant" section.</li> </ul>						
Additional Information	<ul> <li>CAUTION – Read this guide carefully. Read the product label directions carefully. Read and follow all label directions for responsible use of any pesticide.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Pesticide resistance – Vary products during the season and in following seasons to minimize pest resistance.</li> </ul>						
	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 <a href="http://county.wsu.edu/chelan-douglas/GARDENING/MG/Pages/default.aspx">http://county.wsu.edu/chelan-douglas/GARDENING/MG/Pages/default.aspx</a>						
	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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