

Beat the Bugs!

As much as I enjoy the fall colors and the crisp fall air, I still can't help but marvel over the magnificent transformation spring brings. Spring is coming quickly and after a long winter it is a very exciting and welcome season change. Fall bulbs are beginning to poke their heads out in anticipation, and deciduous buds are rich with new life. There is still time to prune fruit trees, but it is already too late for most maples. Ready or not spring is on its way! So if you are not yet prepared now is the time to start.

A large percentage of pest insects lay their eggs on or around your trees or shrubs in the summer and fall. These eggs will then lay dormant through the winter and hatch in the spring. The same is true of fungus spores. Due to the cold wet air fungus spores spread very rapidly in the fall. These spores will then lay dormant over the winter and reappear in the spring. Dormant Spray Kits, a combination of horticultural mineral oil and lime sulfur, are a fantastic preventative measure to kill overwintering eggs and fungus spores before they ever grow into a problem. Dormant spray should be applied in early spring before buds open and not in freezing weather.

Hurry in and pick up what you need to beat the bugs!