

# WHAT'S BUGGIN' YOUR FRUIT TREES?

By now, your fruit trees should be well on their way to producing a great harvest. But the work's not over yet—with the bugs on the loose, you need to be ever vigilant.



## Pest Prevention

A little preventative medicine will go a long way toward keeping your trees healthy. Here's a few easy ways to stop bugs before they start:

✿ Once a month, wash your trees down with a mixture of **1 cup of Plant Shampoo** and **1 cup of antiseptic mouthwash** in your 20 gallon hose-end sprayer.

- ✿ Plant nasturtiums underneath your fruit trees, and then mulch around them with oak leaves to repel bug thugs.
- ✿ Keep your trees pruned. Clean away damaged or diseased wood as soon as possible to prevent an insect invasion.

## Battlin' Bugs

If your trees are already under attack, give 'em a helping hand by using one of these tricks:

- ✿ To control insects around apple, peach, and plum trees, sprinkle ground oyster shells, finely crushed eggshells, or gypsum under each tree from the trunk out past the tips of the longest branches.
- ✿ If codling moths are buggin' your apple trees, douse 'em with plain ol' water. Use your garden hose to spray the bark to dislodge the larvae.
- ✿ Here's a surefire method for sticking it to bugs: Cut a piece of burlap about 10" wide, and long enough to wrap around the trunk so that it overlaps by about 2". Then, coat one side of the burlap with axle grease, petroleum jelly, or some other sticky substance. Wrap the burlap around the trunk, sticky side out. Secure it to the tree by tying a nylon stocking or rope around the center of the burlap. (This will cause the top half of the burlap to fold over.) As bugs climb up the trunk, they get trapped between the two sticky surfaces and die.

