

SCALE TREATMENT

Scales are insects that suck sap from plants causing a reduction in growth, branch dieback and eventual death to the plant. Scale often excretes a sticky 'honeydew' substance that accumulates on leaves and twigs. Ants, bees, and flies are attracted to the honeydew. Sooty mold, a fungus, is often found growing on the honeydew as well.

Scales are sedentary. They form protective shells completely covering themselves making them hard to see and control. This shell protects them from most insecticides. Just after hatching, the young insect crawls out from the protective shell to find a place to feed. At this stage of development, the "crawler" phase, scales do not have shells and are vulnerable to insecticides. Correct identification, therefore, and correct timing of pesticide application is critical to controlling these insects. Any broad-spectrum insecticide will work, if timed and applied properly.

CONTROL

Horticultural Oil: (Can be applied at anytime when temperatures are above 40 and below 85 degrees F)

Crawler Treatment: Insecticidal Soap, Malathion, Bonide Systemic Insect Killer, Sevin®, Bayer Advanced Tree & Shrub Insect Control.

ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW LABEL DIRECTIONS WHEN USING PESTICIDES.

| PEST | TREATMENT DATES |
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| Azalea Bark Scale | June 10 - 20 |
| Calico Scale | June 10 - 15 |
| Cottony Camellia Scale | June 10 - 20 |
| Cottony Maple Scale | June 15 - 30 |
| Cottony Maple Leaf Scale | June 10 - 20 |
| Euonymus Scale | May 5- June 10 & July 5 - 15 |
| European Elm Scale | June 10 - 15 |
| European Fruit Lecanium Scale | June 10 - 15 |
| Fiorinia Hemlock Scale | May 20 – 25 & June 5 - 10 |
| Fletcher Scale | June 15 - 20 |
| Golden Oak Scale | June 1 & June 20 |
| Juniper Scale | April 15 – 15 & June 10 - 15 |
| Lecanium Scale | June 15 - 20 |
| Magnolia Scale | Sept. 1 - 20 |
| Obscure Scale | July 15 – 25 & Aug. 5 - 15 |
| Oyster Shell Scale | May 5 – 10 & July 20 - 25 |
| Pine Needle Scale | May 5 – 20 & July 15 - 20 |
| Pine Tortoise Scale | June 20 - 25 |
| San Jose Scale | June 10 – 15 & Sept. 10 - 15 |
| Tuliptree Scale | Sept 1 - 20 |
| Wax Scale | June 10 - 30 |
| White Peach Scale | May 1 – 10 & July 1 – 15 & Sept. 1 - 10 |

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