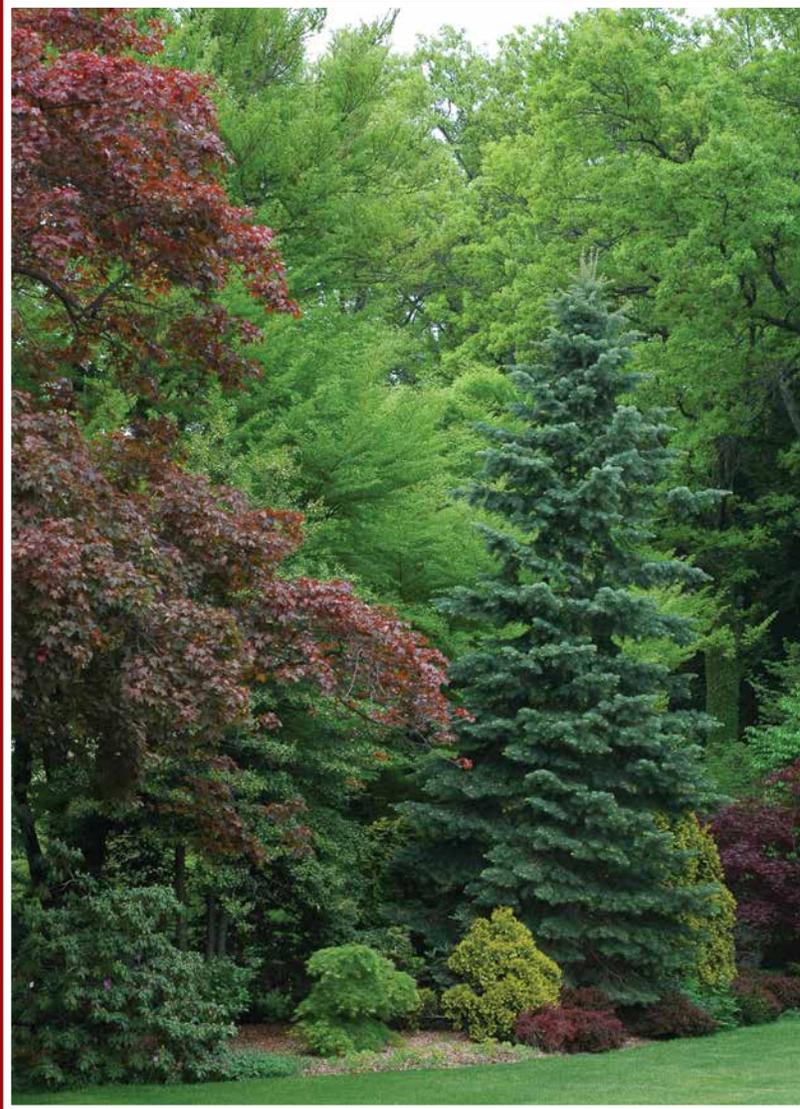


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INTRODUCTION

This guide summarizes insect, mite, and disease management practices and pesticide safety information for woody ornamentals and shade trees in Pennsylvania. Its use is intended primarily for arborists, nursery growers, landscape maintenance personnel, extension educators, and consultants.

The development and appearance of pests in Pennsylvania will vary depending on the location (north, south, elevation, etc.) where the woody ornamental plants are growing. The treatment times in this manual are based on the best information we have now, but they may vary from year to year. It is imperative that you closely monitor pest activity each year.

Pesticides are regulated by state and federal laws that are designed to protect the applicator, the consumer, and the environment. This updated guide includes what is current and legal for sale and use in Pennsylvania based on information that was available to the authors during the preparation of the manuscript. The pesticide suggestions are subject to change at any time due to constantly changing pesticide labels and product registrations. Not all products have been evaluated for each pest listed. If any information in these suggestions disagrees with the pesticide

specimen label, the suggestions in this guide must be disregarded. The user of this information assumes all risks for personal injury, plant damage, or property damage. The listing of a pesticide or the absence of a material herein does not constitute an endorsement or criticism of a material by the authors or by The Pennsylvania State University.

Created by Penn State Cooperative Extension specialists, this manual offers the latest on most of the key insects, mites, and diseases of key woody plants in Pennsylvania, current listings of chemical compounds labeled for effective management of these pests, integrated pest management (IPM) considerations for many of these pests, environmentally friendly alternatives in pest management, and information on growing degree days (GDD). Our goal is to present the management options available to the user. It is up to the user of the guide to select those management strategies most appropriate to the plants, pests, and growing conditions prevailing at the site.

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INSECTS AND MITES

PEST IDENTIFICATION

Most people do not recognize one insect from another and consider many insect and mite species to be harmful. If a plant has damage and there is an insect or mite close to that damage, people conclude that the insect or mite present is the causal organism. Most insects do not cause economic or aesthetic damage to woody ornamental plants. Unless the causal organism is accurately identified, we cannot be sure that the insect or mite is destructive. All too often, a beneficial insect has been sprayed because it was thought to be harmful. Once we know the correct identity of an insect or mite, we can investigate important facts regarding its life cycle in Pennsylvania. For example, we would be able to determine whether it is beneficial or harmful, whether it has chewing or piercing-sucking mouthparts, which stages are destructive, what it prefers to eat, where it lives, and the number of generations it has each year. All of this information is vital to any effective woody ornamental pest management program.

An essential step in an effective insect or mite pest management program is the correct identification of the pest in question. When in doubt, deliver or send several specimens to your county Penn State Cooperative Extension horticulture extension educator or to the authors of this publication. Include the following collection information: (1) name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the collector, (2) name of the plant being damaged, (3) date collected, and (4) city or county where the damage occurred. Any additional information about the infestation would be helpful. Small insects should be placed in small containers filled with 70 percent rubbing alcohol. Larger specimens may be sent dry packed between tissue or other protective material. Place vials and/or dry specimens in a cardboard box or mailing tube with packing material and either send them or take them to your county Penn State Cooperative Extension Office (see extension.psu.edu/counties for your county office's contact information). You may send the samples directly to the Insect Identification Laboratory, Department of Entomology, The Pennsylvania State University, 501 ASI Building, University Park, PA 16802.

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

Integrated pest management (IPM) is not a new arthropod (i.e., insects, mites, and their relatives) management strategy. Some components of IPM have been practiced for over 100 years. The current philosophy of IPM has been around for about 40 years. Researchers sometimes refer to IPM as "intelligent pest management." A new description of IPM, sometimes called plant health care (PHC), has been discussed in some trade journals. PHC examines the basic causes of stress to a plant and suggests corrective measures that promote plant health.

IPM is a pest population management system that utilizes all suitable techniques (biorational, chemical, cultural, fertilization, irrigation, monitoring with sex pheromone traps, resistant plant varieties, etc.) and information to reduce or manipulate pest populations that are maintained at tolerable levels (i.e., a few pests will still be present) while providing protection against hazards to humans, domestic animals, and the Earth's environment.

Guidelines for Establishing an IPM Program

1. Acknowledge that pesticides are not the only or best solution to every problem.
2. Retain a properly trained IPM manager.
3. Be able and willing to develop and maintain IPM-related records.
4. Develop excellent lines of communication among scouts, managers, growers, field technicians, clients, etc.

Diagnosing Arthropod Problems

1. Be familiar with the host plant(s).
2. Have expertise in identifying pest damage.
3. Have expertise in identifying the key pest on the key host.
4. Implement a management strategy that may or may not include application of conventional pesticides.
5. Evaluate management strategies to determine if the one selected is appropriate.

Use of Symptomatology

A symptom of arthropod injury to a woody ornamental plant may be defined as the damage that's evident on the host plant as a result of successful attack by the pest. Some examples of symptoms of arthropod injury include chewed foliage or blossoms; stippled, yellowed, or bronzed foliage; distortion of plant parts; and dieback of plant parts.

A sign is defined as the presence of the pest or pest-related products that may remain on the woody ornamental host plant. Examples of signs of arthropod activity include honeydew/sooty mold, fecal specks, tents or webs, spittle, pitch tubes, waxy material, and cast exoskeletons or skins.

Sampling/Monitoring Arthropod Pests and Their Natural Enemies

1. Methods of sampling include counting the number of arthropods on plant parts, fecal pellet (frass) collections, physical removal of arthropods on a white substrate, timed counts of life stages of arthropods, and the use of sex pheromone traps.
2. The detection of the presence or absence of a key pest on a key host is the major objective of sampling; beneficial arthropods should also be noted.
3. A management decision will have to be made concerning the need to implement a particular control tactic.

Decision to Implement a Management Strategy

In deciding whether to implement a management strategy, you may need to consider variables such as population numbers (increasing or decreasing abundance), the species and location of the key host plant, and the species of arthropod present.

Methods of Control

Control methods include biological, biorational, chemical, cultural, physical, and other management tactics.

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GROWING DEGREE DAYS

Effective woody ornamental pest management depends our ability not only to accurately diagnose the causal organism but also to predict when the vulnerable life stage of a pest will be active. Insect and mite development sometimes varies from one year to the next by several days or even weeks. It is important for pest managers to consider additional methods to better time their management strategies. The use of the calendar method and experience is helpful, but when applying management materials with a short residual life, you need to more precisely determine when a pest will be in a vulnerable stage.

The development of arthropods, like many other organisms on Earth, is affected by temperature. Insects and mites begin development when the temperature of their environment exceeds a lower developmental threshold or base temperature. The rate of their development increases as the environmental temperature exceeds the threshold temperature and decreases as the temperature declines. For example, arthropod development will occur more quickly during warmer growing seasons and is slower during cooler growing seasons.

The concept of growing degree days (GDD) is an arithmetical conversion of daily temperature records to heat units. While the concept has been recognized for many years, the base or threshold temperature is known for just a few of our key woody ornamental pests. The threshold or base temperature varies from one insect or mite species to another. Organisms that are active when temperatures are cool usually have a lower threshold temperature than those that become active during warmer months of the growing season. For the sake of consistency, a threshold or base temperature of 50°F has been adopted by most woody ornamental pest managers. Several equations such as the average, triangulation, and sine can be used to calculate GDD based on minimum and maximum temperature. A simple method that is often used involves averaging the daily maximum and minimum temperatures and subtracting the base or threshold temperature from the daily average as described below:

Formula for calculating GDD:

$$\frac{\text{Maximum} + \text{minimum daily temperature}}{2} - \text{threshold temperature} = \text{GDD}$$

Examples:		Total GDD Accumulated
March 1:	$\frac{52^{\circ}\text{F} + 48^{\circ}\text{F}}{2} = \frac{100}{2} = 50 - 50^{\circ}\text{F} = 0 \text{ GDD}$	0
March 2:	$\frac{56^{\circ}\text{F} + 50^{\circ}\text{F}}{2} = \frac{106}{2} = 53 - 50^{\circ}\text{F} = 3 \text{ GDD}$	3
March 3:	$\frac{60^{\circ}\text{F} + 50^{\circ}\text{F}}{2} = \frac{110}{2} = 55 - 50^{\circ}\text{F} = 5 \text{ GDD}$	8
March 4:	$\frac{51^{\circ}\text{F} + 49^{\circ}\text{F}}{2} = \frac{100}{2} = 50 - 50^{\circ}\text{F} = 0 \text{ GDD}$	8
March 5:	$\frac{62^{\circ}\text{F} + 48^{\circ}\text{F}}{2} = \frac{110}{2} = 55 - 50^{\circ}\text{F} = 5 \text{ GDD}$	13

INSECTS AND MITES DESTRUCTIVE TO WOODY ORNAMENTALS*A Guide to Host Plants and Common Insects as an Aid for Diagnosis*

Alder	Gypsy moth	Japanese maple scale	<i>Nuculaspis pseudomeyeri</i>
Fall webworm	Hickory tussock moth	Leafhoppers	(armored scale insect)
Gypsy moth	Japanese beetle	Oystershell scale	Spruce spider mite
Leafminer	Leafhoppers	Douglas-fir	
Woolly alder aphid	Oystershell scale	Bagworm	Hickory
Arborvitae	Whitemarked tussock moth	Cooley spruce gall adelgid	Aphids
Arborvitae leafminer	Yellownecked caterpillar	Pine needle scale	Cankerworm
Bagworm	Boxelder	Spruce spider mite	Elm spanworm
Fletcher scale	Boxelder bug	White pine weevil	European fruit lecanium
<i>Nuculaspis pseudomeyeri</i>	Boxwood	Elm	Fall webworm
(armored scale insect)	Boxwood leafminer	Bark beetles	Flatheaded appletree borer
Spruce spider mite	Boxwood psyllid	Calico scale	Gypsy moth
Tip dwarf mite	Boxwood spider mite	Cankerworm	Hickory leafstem gall phyloxera
Ash	Indian wax scale	Elm leaf aphids	Hickory tussock moth
Aphids	Catalpa	Elm leaf beetle	Mites
Ash borer	Catalpa sphinx	Elm spanworm	Twig girdler
Ash flower gall mite	White peach scale	European elm scale	Twig pruner
Banded ash clearwing	Chamaecyparis	Fall webworm	Yellownecked caterpillar
Cankerworm	Juniper scale	Japanese beetle	Holly
Emerald ash borer	<i>Nuculaspis pseudomeyeri</i>	Japanese maple scale	Cottony taxus scale
European fruit lecanium	(armored scale insect)	Leafhoppers	Indian wax scale
Fall webworm	Cherry (flowering ornamental)	Spiny elm caterpillar	Inkberry leafminer
Flatheaded appletree borer	Eastern tent caterpillar	Whitemarked tussock moth	Native holly leafminer
Japanese maple scale	Fall webworm	Yellownecked caterpillar	Putnam scale
Oystershell scale	Flatheaded appletree borer	Euonymus	Southern red mite
Plant bug	Japanese beetle	Aphids	Honeylocust
Azalea	Japanese maple scale	Euonymus alatus scale	Bagworm
Azalea bark scale	Lesser peachtree borer	Euonymus caterpillar	Calico scale
Azalea lace bug	Peachtree borer	Euonymus scale	Honeylocust plant bug
Azalea leafminer	San Jose scale	Indian wax scale	Honeylocust pod gall midge
Azalea sawflies	White peach scale	Japanese maple scale	Mimosa webworm
Azalea stem borer	White prunicola scale	Twobanded Japanese weevil	Painted hickory borer
Black vine weevil	Cotoneaster	Twospotted spider mite	Spider mites
Cottony azalea scale	Hawthorn lace bug	Fir	Honeysuckle
Mealybugs	Japanese maple scale	Aphids	Aphids
Rhododendron borer	Mites	Bagworm	Ivy
Southern red mite	Pear sawfly	Cryptomeria scale	Aphids
Twobanded Japanese weevil	San Jose scale	Elongate hemlock scale	Cottony taxus scale
Whitefly	Crabapple (ornamental nonedible flowering)	Pine needle scale	Japanese beetle
Barberry	Aphids	Spruce spider mite	Mites
Twobanded Japanese weevil	Cankerworm	Forsythia	Japanese pieris
Basswood (linden)	Calico scale	Fourlined plant bug	Azalea bark scale
Aphids	Eastern tent caterpillar	Hawthorn	Lace bug
Basswood lace bug	Fall webworm	Aphids	Putnam scale
Cankerworm	Flatheaded appletree borer	Eastern tent caterpillar	Southern red mite
Gypsy moth	Gypsy moth	Fall webworm	Japanese zelkova
Hickory tussock moth	Japanese beetle	Flatheaded appletree borer	Calico scale
Japanese beetle	Japanese maple scale	Hawthorn lace bug	Elm leaf beetle
Leaf beetle	Leafroller	Hawthorn leafmining sawfly	Japanese maple scale
Oystershell scale	Mites	Leafhopper	Juniper
Whitemarked tussock moth	Oystershell scale	Mites	Bagworm
Beech	Pear sawfly	Oystershell scale	Eriophyid mite
Beech scale	Roundheaded appletree borer	Pear sawfly	Juniper midge
Cankerworm	Yellownecked caterpillar	Roundheaded appletree borer	Juniper scale
Elm spanworm	Cryptomeria	Hemlock	Juniper tip midge
Woolly beech aphids	Cryptomeria scale	Bagworm	Juniper webworm
Yellownecked caterpillar	Spruce spider mite	Black vine weevil	<i>Nuculaspis pseudomeyeri</i>
Birch	Dogwood	Cryptomeria scale	(armored scale insect)
Aphids	Calico scale	Elongate hemlock scale	Spruce spider mite
Bagworm	Dogwood borer	Hemlock looper	Larch
Birch leafminer	Dogwood sawfly	Hemlock rust mite	Bagworm
Bronze birch borer		Hemlock scale	Larch casebearer
Fall webworm		Hemlock woolly adelgid	Larch sawfly
			Woolly larch adelgid

Lilac

Fall webworm
Japanese maple scale
Lilac borer
Lilac leafminer
Lilac rust mite
Oystershell scale
White prunicola scale

Locust (black)

Locust borer
Locust leafminer

Magnolia

Japanese maple scale
Magnolia scale
Tuliptree scale

Maple

Aphids
Bagworm
Calico scale
Cankerworm
Cottony maple scale
Elm spanworm
European fruit lecanium
Fall webworm
Forest tent caterpillar
Gloomy scale
Greenstriped mapleworm
Japanese beetle
Japanese maple scale
Leafhopper
Maple callus borer
Maple gall mites (eriophyid)
Maple leafcutter
Maple petiole borer
Oystershell scale
Pear thrips
Whitemarked tussock moth
Yellownecked caterpillar

Mimosa

Mimosa webworm

Mountain ash

Aphids
European red mite
Japanese beetle
Mountain ash sawfly
Pear sawfly
Roundheaded appletree borer

Mountain laurel

Azalea bark scale
Mulberry whitefly
Redbanded leafhopper
Rhododendron borer
Rhododendron lace bug
Rhododendron stem borer
Southern red mite
Twobanded Japanese weevil

Oak

Aphids
Borers
Cankerworm
Elm spanworm
Fall webworm
Forest tent caterpillar
Gall midges
Gall wasps
Golden oak scale
Gypsy moth

Leafhopper
May/June beetle
Oak kermes scale
Oak lace bug
Oak skeletonizer
Obscure scale
Orangestriped oakworm
Spider mites
Twig pruner
Twolined chestnut borer
Yellownecked caterpillar

Pachysandra

Euonymus scale
Oystershell scale
Twospotted spider mite

Pear (flowering ornamental)

Aphids
Calico scale
Cottony maple scale
European fruit lecanium
Forest tent caterpillar
Japanese maple scale
Oystershell scale
Pearleaf blister mite

Pine

Aphids
Bagworm
Engraver beetle
Eriophyid mite
European pine shoot moth
Gypsy moth
Nantucket pine tip moth
Northern pine weevil
Pales weevil
Pine bark adelgid
Pine bark beetle
Pine needle midge
Pine needleminer
Pine needle scale
Pine oystershell scale
Pine root collar weevil
Pine tortoise scale
Pine tube moth
Pine webworm
Sawflies
Spittlebugs
Spruce spider mite
Striped pine scale
White pine weevil
Zimmerman pine moth

Privet

Privet rust mite
Privet thrips
Twobanded Japanese weevil
White peach scale
White prunicola scale

Purpleleaf plum

Globose scale
Pear sawfly

Pyracantha

Aphids
Globose scale
Hawthorn lace bug
Indian wax scale
Japanese maple scale
San Jose scale
Spider mites

Redbud

European fruit lecanium
Spider mites
Twig girdler
Twig pruner
Whitemarked tussock moth

Rhododendron

Azalea bark scale
Black vine weevil
Cottony azalea scale
Leafhoppers
Mealybugs
Putnam scale
Rhododendron borer
Rhododendron gall midge
Rhododendron lace bug
Rhododendron stem borer
Southern red mite
Twobanded Japanese weevil
Whitefly

Rose

Aphids
Black vine weevil
Bristly roseslug
Curled roseslug
European red mite
Fall webworm
Fourlined plant bug
Japanese beetle
Leafhoppers
Mossyrose gall wasp
Obliquebanded leafroller
Raspberry cane borer
Rose chafer
Rose midge
Rose scale
Roseslug
Thrips
Twospotted spider mite

Serviceberry

Aphids
Hawthorn lace bug
Pear sawfly

Spirea

Aphids
Twobanded Japanese weevil

Spruce

Aphids
Bagworm
Cooley spruce gall adelgid
Eastern spruce gall adelgid
Elongate hemlock scale
Gypsy moth
Pine needle scale
Sawflies
Spruce bud scale
Spruce needleminer
Spruce spider mite
White pine weevil

Sweetgum

Bagworm
Calico scale
Fall webworm
Gypsy moth
Sweetgum scale

Sycamore

Aphids
Bagworm
Fall webworm
Japanese beetle
Sycamore lace bug
Sycamore plant bug
Terrapin scale
Tussock moth

Tuliptree

Aphids
Tuliptree scale
Yellow poplar weevil

Viburnum

Aphids
Fourlined plant bug
Indian wax scale
Southern red mite
Twobanded Japanese weevil
Viburnum leaf beetle

Weigela

Fourlined plant bug
Japanese beetle
Twobanded Japanese weevil

Willow

Aphids
Eastern tent caterpillar
Gypsy moth
Leafhoppers
Imported willow leaf beetle
Japanese maple scale
Oystershell scale
Spider mites
Spiny elm caterpillar

Wisteria

Calico scale
Japanese beetle

Yew

Black vine weevil
Cottony taxus scale
Fletcher scale
Taxus bud mite
Taxus mealybug

PLANT PHENOLOGICAL INDICATORS

Phenology is the study of periodic occurrences in nature and their relation to weather. The growth of plants is, in part, a response to an accumulation of heat units. Some examples of growth stages of plants that can be correlated to heat units include bud swell, leaf emergence/expansion, stages of flowering, or elongation of new growth (conifers). Specific plant growth stages can be correlated to certain life stages of insects and mites. Length of day, other environmental factors, and different cultivars may affect specific events in a plant's development so that correlations of plant phenology are not as precise as the use of growing degree day information. Using plant phenological indicators is useful in establishing monitoring times and is more accurate than referring to calendar dates to time a particular management strategy. An example of the use of a plant phenological indicator would be the correlation of gypsy moth egg hatch with the bloom of shadbush or serviceberry (*Amelanchier*). Donald Orton's book *Coincide* contains many observations on relationships of plant phenology and some key arthropod pest life stages. It is available from Labor of Love Conservatory, 468 South President Street, Unit #103, Carol Stream, IL 60188, phone: 630-668-8597.

Data collection and observations of growing degree days and plant phenological indicators in Pennsylvania were conducted for 15 years by an applied group of arborists, nurserymen, landscape managers, and Penn State extension educators. This organization was originally known as the Southeast Pennsylvania IPM Research Group. The name of this group was changed to the Penn-Del IPM Research Group when cooperators from Delaware were included in this applied research effort. Information regarding this group's activities may be obtained by calling 814-865-3256.

BEE WARNING

Many insecticides are highly toxic to honey bees, bumble bees, and other native pollinating insects. Certain materials should not be applied any time during bloom, while many others should be applied only in the early morning hours and/or late evening when pollinators are not foraging. Avoid spraying materials on ornamentals that are surrounded by blooming flowers or weeds. Simple steps like removing (mowing) blooming clover from lawns or covering the plants that are in bloom prior to applying a treatment in a landscape should always be practiced before applying materials that are harmful to bees. Select the least hazardous material (if given the choice) when plants in the infested area are in bloom. Always read and follow label directions for bee safety.

INSECT TRAPS AND ATTRACTANTS

Insect monitoring traps can be useful tools for determining the activity of some key pests of trees and shrubs. They can also help determine the proper timing of an insecticide application to effectively manage an infestation of a pest. Some traps may even help reduce insect pest populations. Because these traps and their associated chemical attractants are not harmful to animals or humans and do not leave residues, they are suited to environmentally sound arthropod pest management programs in nurseries and landscapes. The effective use of these tools requires species-specific knowledge of the targeted pest's biology.

Insects use different semiochemicals (chemicals that carry messages either within a species or between species) that transmit messages between organisms. Pheromones (chemicals that are produced and detected by members of the same species) are one of these semiochemicals. Effective and practical use of pheromones in a woody ornamental pest management program requires that a specific active chemical be isolated and identified. A synthetically reproduced version of this compound must then be manufactured and made commercially available. Pheromones may be used in several ways—for example, as lures in insect monitoring traps, as lures in traps to remove individuals in a pest population, and to disperse a signal that may disrupt mating in a pest population.

Insect traps may be used to detect the presence of an invasive arthropod pest, get an estimate of the relative density of a key pest population, or determine the first emergence or peak flight of an insect pest in an area. The latter purpose is often used to time an effective insecticide application. One example is the use of clearwing borer pheromone-baited traps that assist a plant health care specialist in detecting when adult males are active in a nursery or landscape. When the first male of a particular clearwing borer pest species has been captured in a monitoring trap, application of a registered insecticide host plant should follow 7 to 10 days later.

Two examples of insect monitoring traps that are used in woody ornamental pest management programs include those used to detect new infestations of the gypsy moth, *Lymantria dispar*, and the large sticky traps that are used to detect the flight of the smaller European elm bark beetle, *Scolytus multistriatus*.

Listed below are some sources of insect monitoring traps and pheromones for landscape and nursery pests.

Bedoukian Research Inc.
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Danbury, CT 06810
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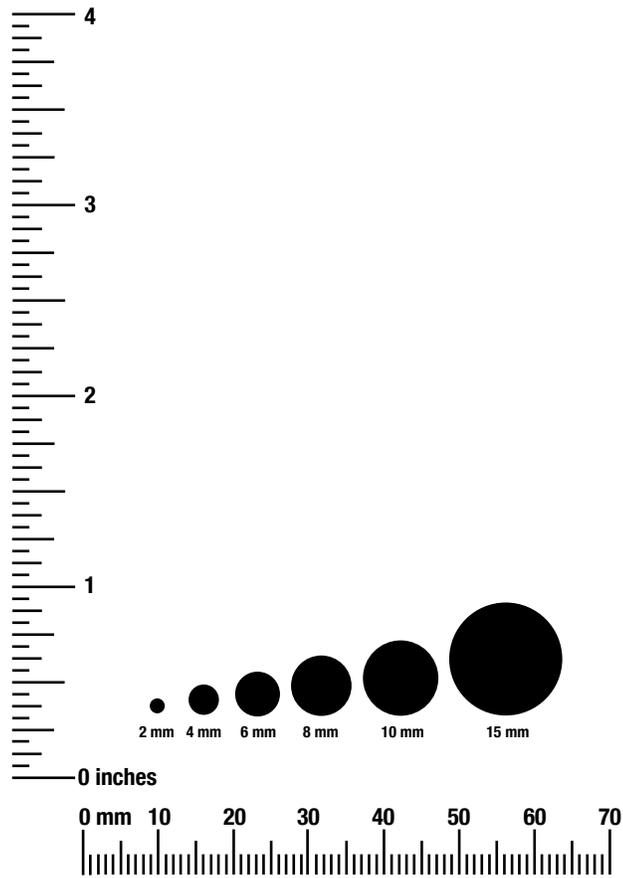
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