

Dormant Oil Applications



What is a Dormant Oil Spray?

Dormant Oil Sprays coat over-wintering insect eggs, preventing them from hatching. The light grade oil is non-toxic and can be sprayed on most landscape ornamentals.

What insects are mainly targeted?

Dormant oils are especially effective in controlling:

1. Scale
2. Spider Mites
3. Aphids

When are Dormant Oils applied?

Dormant oils can be applied in the late fall, but are normally done in the early spring around bud break. In our region, this is mid-March to mid-April. If weather prevents an application during this time, no problem; it can be applied up to 1/3 leaf stage.

Can a Disease Control also be applied at the same time?

Absolutely! It is recommended that both a Dormant Oil combined with a disease control be applied at the same time. Over the past several years plants have been especially vulnerable to various kinds of disease(s) because of our wetter-than-normal springs.

NOTE: Because fungicides are effective for only 2 – 3 weeks, it is important that they are not applied too early in the spring (February - early March).