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Yearly Care for Your Fruit/Nut Tree

Organic Fruit/Nut Tree Program

To prevent problems with insects in your fruit and for the health of the tree and fruit, we recommend the following organic program:

As soon as the first bud breaks **and** after all the petals have fallen, foliar spray with Thuricide (BT) and Ron's Super Sauce (separate applications).

(Ron's Super Sauce should always be applied in the mornings, late evenings, or a cloudy day.)

Foliar spray with Ron's Super Sauce as often as possible, once weekly or as budget allows. Continue to use Thuricide if you suspect continued insect problems.

Aerate the area under the tree and just beyond the drip line. Apply an organic fertilizer such as Ron's Super Bloom February, June and September at 20lbs /1000 square feet.

Apply volcanic ash at 80lbs/1000 square feet, and Sul-Po-Mag at 1 handful per caliper inch of trunk, above root zone, once a year.

Apply 1 inch of compost under tree to just beyond the drip line of each tree.

Apply 2 – 3 inches of mulch in as large an area as possible around the tree, preferably beyond the drip line of the tree. If your tree is in your lawn area, you can use compost instead of mulch.

To protect your tree from bores, sapsuckers, and wood peckers you can mix Tree Trunk Goop with water to make a paste and white wash the trunk of the tree as far up as you can reach. This can also be used to treat any injuries to trees, such as broken or trimmed branches.

RELEASE BENEFICIAL INSECTS

Release Beneficial Nematodes every 6 months to help control bores, thrips, fire ants, fleas, ticks, chiggers and all other soil born insects.

Trichogramma wasps (at 10,000-20,000 eggs per acre or residential lot) should be released weekly for 3 weeks starting at bud break.

Release green lacewings (4,000 eggs per acre or residential lot) weekly for one month.

Release 1500-2000 ladybugs per 1,000 square feet at the first sign of shiny honeydew on foliage.