



## Delayed dormant oil spray

Spring is in the air. Most of the snow has disappeared. Soil is warming up. Insects will soon be waking up.

Hopefully, you have done your winter/spring pruning.

If you have had issues in the past with certain insect and disease pests, you may want to consider a delayed-dormant oil spray. Marion Murray, Utah State University Extension IPM Project Leader did a really nice video a couple of years ago on early spring pest control which can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8oEymrFkNoE>

The handout of her presentation can be found here:

<https://pestadvisories.usu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/fruit-harvest-full.pdf>

So, if you have had issues with San Jose scale, or blister mites, or certain aphids in your apples or pears, or issues with peach twig borer, or certain aphids in your peaches or cherries, consider an early spring intervention with a delayed-dormant oil spray to reduce the pest pressure this year.



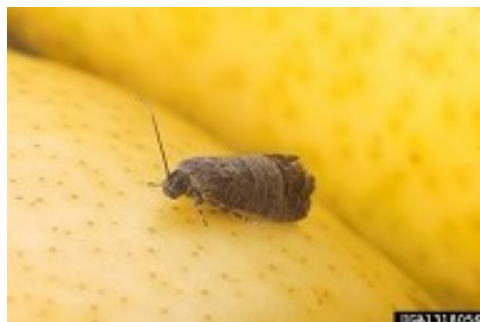
The delayed-dormant product for fire blight is a copper spray, and it can be mixed with the oil spray that is used for insect control.

The nice thing about the delayed-dormant application is that most of the predatory and parasitoid insects have not yet showed up, so there is very little damage done to those populations.

## Codling moth

We are in the process of setting out traps for codling moth. As soon as we start getting moth flights I will watch temperatures and determine the best time to spray up and down the valley. The times will adjust as the temperatures fluctuate, so it is important to keep your eye on the pest alerts at the dates near.

Get those gardening juices flowing.



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