

## Spraying Fruit Trees

**During Dormant Stage:** Done when the tree is dormant, temperatures are above 40 degrees and the buds have not yet turned green.

- Spray dormant oil to control scale and suffocate insect eggs that may have overwintered.
- Spray Copper after the dormant oil is dry to reduce fungal outbreaks.

**During Growing Stage:** Done when the tree is actively growing and/or producing fruit. The growing stage lasts from bud break to leaf drop in the fall.

- *Spray Bonide Fruit Tree Spray* 7 to 10 days after last flower petal has dropped. This will combat most insects and disease. At this time apply sticky coating to red traps and hang in tree.
- *Spray Bonide Fruit Tree Spray* a second time 7 to 10 days after first application.

### **Important Reminders on Spraying:**

-Never spray while the tree is in bloom or mid-day in order to protect beneficial insects like bees.

-Read label and use correct application rates. The rate for *Bonide Fruit Tree Spray* is 2.5 TBSP per 1 gallon of water.

-If after spraying, the chemical is dripping from the tree, it is being wasted. Use less.

-Only 2 applications of *Bonide Fruit Tree Spray* per season for apple trees is required. (for all other fruit trees check the product label)

-Do not spray early in the morning. Dew can act as a shield which keeps the chemical from interacting with the plant. It also reduces the chemicals efficiency.

-Pay attention to the wind speed and direction. There should be little to no air movement to reduce the amount of drift.

### **Other Tip for Fruit Trees:**

-Keep fallen leaves and fruit cleaned up to prevent insect and disease issues.

-Apple Scab (brown lesions on the outside of the apple) doesn't harm the fruit but can be cosmetically undesirable. *Bonide Fruit Tree Spray* or *Captan Fungicide* will treat Apple Scab.

-Cedar Apple Rust (fungal infection that attacks the tree) can defoliate and cause cosmetic damage to the fruit. If orange, jelly-like spores are visible, the disease is incurable. Preventatively, *Bonide Fruit Tree Spray* and *Bonide Fung-onil* will take care of Cedar Apple Rust.

