



Our Insect Enemies



Protecting The Trees We Love

(NAPSA)—Trees provide more incredible benefits than many realize. Texas A&M researcher Dr. Roger Ulrich says just looking at them reduces stress within five minutes. The U.S. Forest Service says trees can reduce home energy needs by as much as 50 percent and boost home values as much as 10 percent.

Trees also give people a feeling of pride. Many of us planted trees as youngsters and watched them grow over the years. How many times have you looked at a tree you planted? It provides a feeling of accomplishment knowing you helped create a beautiful tree out of a young sapling.

“Trees need to be pruned regularly and protected against damaging insects to help them last,” says Lawn and Garden Expert Lance Walheim, who has authored or contributed to more than 30 books. “A dead tree can damage your home or your neighbor’s, so it’s cheaper to protect your trees than pay someone to remove them.”

Certain insects can do serious damage. In fact, insects actually destroy more timber annually than wildfire. Some examples:

- The emerald ash borer has destroyed millions of ash trees in southeast Michigan since it came to the United States 10 years ago. The United States Forest Service estimates there are more than 7.5 billion ash trees growing in 40 states—all considered susceptible to this insect’s attacks.

- The hemlock woolly adelgid infests about one-half of the native hemlock in the eastern United States and has destroyed nearly 70 percent of the hemlocks in the



Prevention is critical to fighting insects that can kill your trees.

Shenandoah Valley. The pest is spreading west and south to Tennessee and South Carolina. In fact, the U.S. Forest Service says the threat it poses to the Appalachian forests is comparable to the chestnut blight of the early 20th century that all but destroyed the American chestnut tree.

- The bronze birch borer has led to the death of paper birch and yellow birch in the United States from Maine to Idaho.

While many people resort to climbing tall ladders to spray insect-infested trees or end up hiring a tree service, there is now an alternative: Bayer Advanced™ Tree & Shrub Control with MERIT®. It’s absorbed by the tree roots and systemically moves through the tree killing borers and other pests. One application lasts up to 12 months. Just mix in a watering can and pour at the base of the tree or shrub. No spraying.

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