

# ORGANIC APRICOT, NECTARINE AND PEACH SPRAY SCHEDULE

Some of the most common situations with apricots, nectarines and peaches include: peach leaf curl, brown rot, aphids and coryneum blight. Leaf clean up is especially important with these fruit trees. In addition, sheltering nectarines and peaches from the rains in late winter and early spring will help reduce peach leaf curl infection. This can be achieved by keeping the tree in a movable container, building a small cover for the tree, or planting the tree in a sheltered spot. Plums are prone to a fraction of the diseases common to the other fruits, which are addressed here.

The importance of monitoring and proper timing is essential with organic fruit tree care. It is easier to treat a problem in the early stages of infection. Also, the window for the most effective organic is often short.

TIMING	PEST/DISEASE	CONTROL MEASURE	COMMENTS
Dormant-after leaf drop through mid winter	Peach leaf curl	Fixed Copper 53%	*Remove and destroy brown rot mummified fruit. *Prune out dead and infected wood
	Coryneum Blight	Lime-Sulfur, Bordeaux mix	

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Delayed Dormant (March-April)	Climbing Cut worms	Diatomaceous earth, tanglefoot, Bt	
	Leafroller	Bt	
	European Red Mite, Scale	Soap, oil	
Delayed dormant (March-April)	Green Peach Aphid	Soap, oil, garlic/cayenne, lacewing	
Prepink – Just before blossom open	Coryneum Blight	Bordeaux Mix, Fixed Copper	
	Leaf roller, Twig borer	Bt	
	Lygus bug, Stink bug	Ask at Information for control	
	Scale	oil	

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Pink through petal fall	Brown Rot	Wettable Sulfur or Copper	<b>*DO NOT USE SULFUR ON APRICOTS</b> -use copper instead.  *Do not spray sulfur if temp. exceed 85  *Some people consider earwigs beneficial because they eat some pests
	Peach twig borer, Oriental fruit moth, Leafroller	Pyrethrum, Bt, <i>Trichogramma</i> (parasitic wasp) release	
	Leaf hopper	Pyrethrum	
	Earwigs	put out cardboard traps	
	San Jose Scale, Aphids, Mites	soap, garlic/cayenne, predatory insects, neem	
Shuck Spray (when the brown petals drop) through June	Powdery Mildew, Coryneum Blight, Brown Rot	Wettable Sulfur, neem	<b>DO NOT USE SULFUR ON APRICOTS!</b>
	Lygus bug	Sabadilla	
	Peach Leaf Curl	Pick off and destroy infected leaves, neem	
	Aphids	Soap, garlic/ cayenne, neem	
	Peach tree borers	Put out traps mid-late June	
Summer (July-Aug.)	Brown Rot	Collect and destroy any infected fruit	*Earwigs do prey on many pests such as aphids. They should only be trapped if they become too numerous
	Earwig, Peach tree borer	Remove barriers and traps after harvest	
	Oriental fruit moth, Pandemus moth	Bt, <i>Trichogramma</i> release	
	Peach tree borer	Predatory nematodes	
	Shot hole borer, Leaf hopper	Ask at Information for control	
	Plum aphids, Green peach aphids, Scale	Soap, Neem, Ladybugs, Lacewings, Garlic cayenne spray	
Post harvest	Peach leaf curl	Fixed Copper 53% apply at 1/2 leaf drop (Nov.)	
	Coryneum Blight, Bacterial Gummosis	Fixed copper 53%, Bordeaux mix	