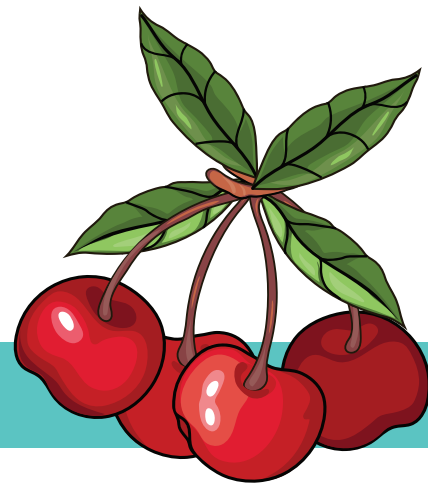


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Backyard Berry & Fruit Fest

Basic Cherry Care



Western Fruit Fly & Peach Tree Borer

Western Fruit Fly

Left untreated the Western Cherry Fruit Fly will infest your entire cherry crop. The adult females will deposit a single egg into young developing fruit. Within 10 days the egg will hatch into a larva that will burrow its way to the pit of the cherry. It will remain there for the rest of the season. Infested cherries will have no outward sign of infestation until cut open.

Control of the Western Cherry Fruit Fly should begin during early fruit development. Zamzows Last Call is our recommended control product. Begin spraying just before your young cherries begin to change color from green to white. Continue spraying every 7-10 days until your harvest is complete.

Peach Tree Borer

Despite its name the peach tree borer is one of the most destructive pests of cherries. The young borer larva burrow into the tree and feed just below the soil surface. These larvae will continue to feed until winter. In spring, they will begin to feed again and leave the tree as an adult in May through June. The peach tree borer adult is a moth. The male moth resembles a wasp but cannot sting and is harmless. Females are black with a thin orange band around their abdomen.

Control of the peach tree borer needs to target the adults as they begin to lay eggs at the base of your trees. Once the larva has entered the tree, insecticides will not be effective. There is no systemic application that can be used on cherries. Zamzows Z-One is effective against the adult moth and has a residual effectiveness providing longer control. Begin spraying the base and lower trunk of your trees beginning in late June or early July. Adult activity is at its highest during July through August. Applications of Zamzows Z-One should be repeated every 14-20 days through August.