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### Abbreviations and Symbols Used in This Publication

|   |                                 |   |
|---|---------------------------------|---|
| A.....acre, aerosol   | EC, EW emulsifiable concentrate | ULV ..... ultra-low volume                              |
| ACS.....microencapsulated in aqueous suspension   | F, FL ... flowable              | W ..... wettable  |
| AI .....active ingredient   | G, GR .. granular               | WDG.... water-dispersible granule                       |
| CS.....concentrate suspension   | L ..... liquid                  | WG ..... water-dispersible granule                      |
| D .....dust   | P ..... pellets                 | WP ..... wettable powder                                |
| DF .....dry flowable  | S ..... soluble                 | WSB .... water soluble bag                              |
| DG .....dispersible granule   | SC..... soluble concentrate     | WSP ..... water soluble packet, water<br>soluble powder |
| E .....emulsion, emulsifiable   | SP ..... soluble powder         |   |
| * ..... Restricted-use pesticide; may be purchased and used only by certified applicators |                                 |   |
| † ..... Not for use in Nassau and Suffolk Counties  |                                 |   |
| Δ..... Rate or other application restrictions apply. See label for more information.      |                                 |   |

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# 1 Pesticide Information

## 1.1 Pesticide Classification and Certification

Pesticides can be classified as general use or restricted use. **General use pesticides** may be purchased and used by anyone. **Restricted use pesticides** can only be purchased and used by a certified applicator or used by someone under a certified applicator's supervision. In some cases, the pesticide label may limit use of a restricted use pesticide to only a certified applicator.

**Private applicators** use or supervise the use of pesticides to produce agricultural commodities or forest crops on land owned or rented by the private applicator or their employer. If a private applicator wants to use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides, they need to be a **certified private applicator**. Certified private applicators are also allowed to purchase restricted use pesticides. Certification is not needed if a private applicator uses general use pesticides.

In New York State, a **certified commercial applicator**, **certified commercial technician**, or **commercial apprentice** working under the supervision of a certified commercial applicator is allowed to apply any type of pesticide on property that is not a private application (described above) or is a residential application. (A residential application is the use of general use pesticides on property owned or rented by the applicator, excluding establishments selling or processing food and residential structures other than where the applicator lives.) Certified commercial applicators are allowed to purchase restricted use pesticides.

Information on pesticide certification and classification is available from your Cornell Cooperative Extension office ([cce.cornell.edu/localoffices](http://cce.cornell.edu/localoffices)), regional NYSDEC pesticide specialist ([www.dec.ny.gov/about/558.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/558.html)), the Pesticide Applicator Training Manuals ([www.cornellstore.com/books/cornell-cooperative-ext-pmep-manuals](http://www.cornellstore.com/books/cornell-cooperative-ext-pmep-manuals)), or the Cornell Cooperative Extension Pesticide Safety Education Program ([psep.cce.cornell.edu](http://psep.cce.cornell.edu)).

## 1.2 Use Pesticides Properly

Using pesticides requires the user to protect their health, the health of others, and the environment. Keep in mind “pesticide use” is more than just the application. It includes mixing, loading, transporting, storing, or handling pesticides after the manufacturer's seal is broken; cleaning pesticide application equipment; and preparing a container for disposal. These activities require thoughtful planning and preparation. They also require you to comply with state and federal laws and regulations intended to protect human health and the environment from the adverse effects pesticides may cause.

### 1.2.1 Plan Ahead

Many safety precautions should be taken *before* you begin using pesticides. Most pesticide accidents can be prevented with informed and careful practices. **Always read the label on the pesticide container before using the pesticide.** Make sure you understand and can follow all label directions and precautions. Be prepared to handle an emergency exposure or spill. Know the first aid procedures for the pesticides you use.

### 1.2.2 Move Pesticides Safely

Transporting pesticides carelessly can result in broken containers, spills, and contamination of people and the environment. Accidents can occur even when transporting pesticides a short distance. You are responsible for a pesticide accident so take every effort to transport pesticides safely. Be prepared for an emergency.

### 1.2.3 Personal Protective Equipment and Engineering Controls

**Personal protective equipment (PPE)** needs depend on the pesticide being handled. **Required PPE are listed on pesticide labels.** Any required PPE is based on the pesticide's toxicity, route(s) of exposure, and formulation. Label-listed PPE are the minimum that must be worn when using a pesticide. You can always use more than what's listed!

The type of PPE used depends on the type and duration of the activity, where pesticides are being used, and the user's exposure. For example, mixing/loading procedures often require more PPE than when applying a pesticide. Studies show you are at a greater risk of accidental poisoning when handling pesticide concentrates. Pouring pesticide concentrates is the most hazardous activity.

**Engineering controls** are devices that help reduce a pesticide user's exposure. An example is a closed transfer system that reduces the exposure risk when dispensing pesticide concentrates. Consult the product label for more information on using engineering controls in place of PPE.

### 1.2.4 Avoid Drift, Runoff, and Spills

Pesticides that move out of the target area can injure people, damage non-target areas, and harm the environment. Choose weather conditions, pesticides, application equipment, pressure, droplet size, formulations, and adjuvants to minimize drift and runoff potential. Product labels may have specific application and/or equipment requirements to reduce issues with drift and runoff.



## 2 Insect and Mite Pest Management of Trees and Shrubs

### 2.1 Introduction

More species and cultivars of ornamental plants are grown in nurseries and in the landscape than all other kinds of cultivated crops combined. While this is a statement of pride among ornamental horticulturists, it is likewise true that an even greater number of pest species find these plants and use them as food, causing an expenditure of time and dollars in added maintenance costs.

Concise pesticide guidelines are given in this publication for managing more than 150 species of insects and mites on over 50 kinds of ornamental trees and shrubs which grow in the four plant zones of New York. Practical and effective control of insects and mites that attack ornamental trees and shrubs can be achieved by recognizing the pests, understanding their life histories, and using a skillfully planned integrated pest management (IPM) program.

IPM goes beyond the use of chemical pesticides and includes every means of pest control that may be applied under a given set of circumstances. Useful pest control techniques must be compatible, so IPM programs may vary from nursery to nursery or landscape to landscape and may require professional assistance to organize and maintain. What follows are but fragments of the IPM concept.

### 2.2 How to Use the Insect and Mite Chapter

This chapter is divided into the following sections:

- 2.5 Text on Biorational Pest Management Tools and Tactics
- 2.6 Text on Chemical Insecticides
  - mode of action
  - phytotoxicity
  - timing of application
  - formulation
  - systemic insecticides
  - best management practices for soil application
  - oil sprays
  - shelf life
  - pesticide adjuvants
  - mist blowers
- 2.7 Registered Insecticides and Acaricides Table – arranged by active ingredient
- 2.8 Insects and Mites Destructive to Woody Ornamentals – arranged by host plant
- 2.9 Pest Management Timing - arranged by month/season with growing degree day (GDD) and plant phenology information (PPI)
- 2.10 Insect and Mite Pest Management – arranged by pest with IPM information, management options, and application timing

### 2.3 About the Tables

Sections 2.6 and 2.8 contain lists and tables that permit quick access to a mass of pest management information. Be certain that you understand the footnotes and how to use these tables. To assist in diagnosis (identification) of a pest, first look at Table 2.8.1. Find the plant of concern, then note the common or "key" pests associated with the plant. Numbers following the names of pests correspond to pages with descriptions in *Insects That Feed on Trees and Shrubs*, second edition, published by Cornell University Press. Plate numbers showing illustrations are indicated in boldface type. Book is available from Cornell University Press, 800-848-6224 (U.S. & Canada) or at <https://www.cornellpress.cornell.edu>.

Next, turn to Table 2.10.1, remembering the name of the suspect pest. Entries for each pest include signs and/or symptoms of infestation, management options, timing of treatment, and IPM considerations. If you are interested in the characteristics of a particular pesticide-what it will control, formulations available, EPA numbers, nursery versus landscape uses, restricted-entry intervals, phytotoxicity, and other precautions-see Table 2.7.1.

The proper biological timing of control measures for each pest in each locality can be achieved through experience, by using the growing degree-day system, or by phenological indicator plants (see Table 2.9.1). Keep a record of treatments and schedules used from year to year to accumulate seasonal experience for spraying. Records of normal growth phenomena such as bud development and flowering are useful in documenting the proper time for treatment in your geographical area.

### 2.4 Insect and Mite Control for Propagation Ranges, Greenhouses, and Perennials

Control of insect and mite problems for interior use in greenhouses, arboreta, and interiorscapes as well as herbaceous perennials are covered in the *Cornell Guide for the Integrated Management of Greenhouse Crops and Herbaceous Perennials*. This publication is available in print and online formats through the Cornell Store at Cornell University (844-688-7620 or online at: <https://store.cornell.edu/books/cornell-cooperative-ext-pmep-guidelines>).

### 2.5 Biorational Pest Management Tools and Tactics

#### 2.5.1 "Biorational" Controls

Biorational tactics begin with cultural and mechanical practices such as diverse cropping, crop rotation, and

## 2.7 Insects and Mites Destructive to Woody Ornamentals

The following table lists some of the common or key insect and mite pests of woody ornamentals. Look under the host plant involved and find the correct common name of the pest. Check Tables 2.9.1 and 2.10.1 for monitoring and

management information. Numbers following the insect name indicate where additional information can be found in *Insects That Feed on Trees and Shrubs*, second edition. Illustrations (plate numbers) are in boldface type. Book is available from Cornell University Press, 800-848-6224 (U.S. & Canada) or at [www.cornellpress.cornell.edu](http://www.cornellpress.cornell.edu).

**Table 2.7.1. Host plant guide to insect names: an aid to diagnosis and identification**

| Plant  | Pest                                   | Page No.      | Plate No.       |
|--|--|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>Andromeda</b>                                       | azalea bark scale                      | 336           | <b>160</b>      |
|  | azalea whitefly                        | 318           | <b>151</b>      |
|  | lace bugs                              | 424           | <b>204</b>      |
| <b>Apple (flowering crab)</b>                          | aphids                                 | 296, 300, 316 | <b>150</b>      |
|  | cankerworms                            | 142, 44       | <b>63, 64</b>   |
|  | leafhoppers                            | 412–418       | <b>216-218</b>  |
|  | leafrollers                            | 172           | <b>100, 101</b> |
|  | oystershell scale                      | 370           | <b>177</b>      |
|  | redbanded leafroller                   | 214           |                 |
|  | roundheaded appletree borer            | 278           | <b>131</b>      |
| <b>Arborvitae</b>                                      | arborvitae leafminer                   | 142           | <b>14</b>       |
|  | arborvitae weevil                      | 240           | <b>244</b>      |
|  | bagworm                                | 176           | <b>80</b>       |
|  | black vine weevil                      | 240           | <b>112, 113</b> |
|  | Fletcher scale                         | 98            | <b>42</b>       |
|  | gypsy moth                             | 138, 140      | <b>61, 62</b>   |
|  | hemlock looper                         | 24            |                 |
|  | juniper scale                          | 106           | <b>46</b>       |
|  | spruce spider mite                     | 118           | <b>52, 53</b>   |
| <b>Ash</b>   | blackheaded ash sawfly                 | 134           | <b>59</b>       |
|  | lace bugs                              | 426           |                 |
|  | lilac/ash borer                        | 260           | <b>122</b>      |
|  | oystershell scale                      | 370           | <b>177</b>      |
| <b>Azalea</b>  | azalea bark scale                      | 336           | <b>160</b>      |
|  | azalea leafminer                       | 202           | <b>93</b>       |
|  | azalea whitefly                        | 318           | <b>151</b>      |
|  | black vine weevil                      | 240           | <b>112, 113</b> |
|  | fruittree leafroller (azalea leaftier) | 172           |                 |
|  | lace bugs                              | 424           | <b>204</b>      |
|  | rhododendron borer                     | 258,          | <b>121</b>      |
|  | rhododendron stem borer                | 288           |                 |
|  | southern red mite                      | 475           | <b>229</b>      |
|  | twobanded Japanese weevil              | 244           | <b>114</b>      |
| <b>Barberry</b>  | twobanded Japanese weevil              | 244           | <b>114</b>      |
| <b>Beech</b>   | aphids                                 | 296, 310      | <b>140, 147</b> |
|  | cankerworms                            | 142–144       | <b>63, 64</b>   |
|  | woolly beech aphid                     | 296           | <b>140</b>      |
| <b>Birch (white, gray, yellow, and European white)</b> | aphids                                 | 296, 310      | <b>140, 147</b> |
|  | birch leafminer                        | 184           | <b>84</b>       |
|  | birch skeletonizer                     | 220           |                 |
|  | bronze birch borer                     | 272           | <b>128</b>      |
|  | European hornet                        | 494           | <b>238</b>      |
|  | potato leafhopper                      | 414           | <b>199</b>      |

*Table continues on next page.*

**Table 2.8.1. Pest management timing by calendar, growing degree-day (GDD), and plant phenology indicator (PPI)**

| Host  | Pest                        | Stage          | GDD (Base 50°F) |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>July (late): Plants in bloom: <i>Butterfly bush, Clethra alnifolia, false spirea</i> (continued)</b> |                             |                |                 |
| Rhododendron  | European hornet             | adult wasp     | 1388–2271       |
|   | twobanded Japanese weevil   | adult          | 1644–2271       |
| Rose  | twospotted spider mite      | immature/adult | 1300–2000       |
| Shadbush  | roundheaded appletree borer | adult          | 1514–1798       |
| Tuliptree   | tuliptree aphid             | nymph/adult    | 1151–1514       |
| Viburnum  | viburnum leaf beetle        | adult          | 800–?           |
| Willow  | willow twig aphids          | nymph/adult    | 1644–2271       |
| <b>August (early): Plant in flower: <i>Hydrangea paniculata</i></b>                                     |                             |                |                 |
| Birch   | birch skeletonizer          | larva/adult    | 1266–1580       |
|   | European hornet             | adult wasp     | 1388–2271       |
| Boxwood   | boxwood leafminer           | larva          | 1200–2400       |
| Broadleaved evergreens  | twobanded Japanese weevil   | adult          | 1644–2271       |
| Cherry/Peach  | peachtree borer             | larva          | 1500–1800       |
| Deciduous plants  | aphids                      | immature/adult | 250–2800        |
|   | fall webworm                | larva          | 1266–1695       |
|   | Japanese beetle             | adult          | 1029–2154       |
|   | leafhoppers                 | immature/adult | 1266–1544       |
|   | rust mite                   | immature/adult | 1644–2033       |
|   | tussock moths               | larva          | Not Available   |
|   | twobanded Japanese weevil   | adult          | 1644–2271       |
|   | Cooley spruce gall adelgid  | adult/immature | 1500–1775       |
| Elm   | twospotted spider mite      | immature/adult | 1300–2000       |
| Hemlock   | hemlock scale               | crawler        | 1388–2145       |
| Juniper   | juniper webworm             | larva          | 1645–1917       |
| Lilac   | European hornet             | adult wasp     | 1388–2271       |
|   | lilac leafminer             | moth/larva     | 1644–?          |
| Linden  | twospotted spider mite      | immature/adult | 1300–2000       |
| Maple   | maple trumpet skeletonizer  | larva          | 1388–2032       |
| Oak   | oak skeletonizer            | larva          | 1798–2155       |
| Ornamental fruit trees  | pear sawfly                 | larva          | Not Available   |
|   | twospotted spider mite      | immature/adult | 1300–2000       |
| Pine  | Nantucket pine tip moth     | moth/larva     | 1514–1917       |
|   | pine webworm                | larva          | 802–2000        |
|   | redheaded pine sawfly       | larva          | Not Available   |
|   | Saratoga spittlebug         | larva          | Not Available   |
|   | Zimmerman pine moth         | moth/larva     | 912–1917        |
| Poplar  | satin moth                  | larva          | 1917–2271       |
| Privet  | lilac leafminer             | moth/larva     | 1644–?          |
|   | twobanded Japanese weevil   | adult          | 1644–2271       |
| Rhododendron  | European hornet             | adult wasp     | 1388–2271       |
|   | twobanded Japanese weevil   | adult          | 1644–2271       |
| Rose  | twospotted spider mite      | immature/adult | 1300–2000       |
| Spruce  | Eastern spruce gall adelgid | adult/immature | Not Available   |
| Tuliptree   | tuliptree aphid             | nymph/adult    | 1514–?          |
| Viburnum  | viburnum leaf beetle        | adult          | 800–?           |
| Willow  | willow twig aphids          | nymph/adult    | 1644–2271       |
| <b>August (mid-): Plant fruit color: <i>Mountain ash, cranberry bush</i></b>                            |                             |                |                 |
| Andromeda   | azalea whitefly             | immature/adult | 2032–2150       |
| Azalea  | azalea whitefly             | immature/adult | 2032–2150       |



**Table 2.9.1 Insect and mite management<sup>1</sup>**

**NOTE:** See Table 2.10.1 for pesticide trade names containing the active ingredients noted below. Where a specific product is listed after a recommended pesticide, only that product is labeled for that use. Always confirm that the site you plan to treat and the pest you wish to control are listed on the label before using any pesticide.

**Symbols Used:** \* = Restricted-use pesticide; \*<sup>F</sup> = indicates a federally restricted-use pesticide. † = Not for use in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

### **Dogwood sawfly (55), *Macremphytus tarsatus***

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Plant abnormalities:</b> | Skeletonized leaves at first, followed by loss of all of leaf except midvein.   |
| <b>Management options:</b>  | No consistently effective parasites or predators. Acephate, carbaryl, chlorantraniliprole <sup>##</sup> , cyclaniliprole, cyfluthrin, diflubenzuron, gamma-cyhalothrin, emamectin benzoate, imidacloprid, spinosad.<br><sup>##</sup> 2(ee) recommendation of Acelepryn for use on unlabeled pest dogwood sawfly. The 2(ee) recommendation must be in the applicator's possession at the time of use. See 2(ee) at <a href="https://www.dec.ny.gov/nyspad/products">https://www.dec.ny.gov/nyspad/products</a> . |
| <b>When to treat:</b>       | Spray anytime in July, 1151-1500 GDD, PPI- <i>Ceanothus americanus</i> , Abelia.  |
| <b>IPM considerations:</b>  | Often feed in groups; remove by hand where practical.   |

### **Douglas-fir needle midge (15), *Contarinia pseudotsugae***

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Plant abnormalities:</b> | Needles may have slight swelling with yellow or purplish discoloration, tips may turn brown.   |
| <b>Management options:</b>  | Bifenthrin (* <sup>F</sup> OnyxPro, *Baseline); <i>Christmas trees only</i> : acephate, thiamethoxam (25WG).   |
| <b>When to treat:</b>       | Time applications within a week after first adults are detected in traps. Traps are set prior to budbreak in spring. In central Pennsylvania, adults were found active around 200-400 GDD  |
| <b>IPM considerations:</b>  | See online at <a href="http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/19004/ec1373-e.pdf">ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/19004/ec1373-e.pdf</a> for more information on pest biology and trap construction. |

### **Eastern spruce gall adelgid (50), *Adelges abietis***

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Plant abnormalities:</b> | Gall at the base of new shoots, especially on Norway & Serbian spruce.  |
| <b>Management options:</b>  | No effective parasites or predators. Acetamiprid, carbaryl, cyantraniliprole (drench), cyclaniliprole, horticultural oil, imidacloprid (soil or foliar application), insecticidal soap, spirotetramat, thiamethoxam (25WG, Christmas trees only). |
| <b>When to treat:</b>       | Sprays mid-April to early May, 22-170 GDD, PPI-boxelder, periwinkle, or fall after egg hatch. Soil application late fall or early spring.   |
| <b>IPM considerations:</b>  | Pesticides work best in the spring. Late-summer treatment must be timed to the emergence of adult adelgids from the summer galls. Prune out and destroy green galls. Colorado blue, Engelmann, black, white and red spruces sometimes affected.   |

### **Eastern tent caterpillar (76), *Malacosoma americanum* (moth)**

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Plant abnormalities:</b> | Chewed leaves, branch defoliation; webs usually formed in branch crotches.   |
| <b>Management options:</b>  | Parasites usually effective, but there are occasional outbreaks or spot infestations. Acephate (for flowering crabapples only), azadirachtin, <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. <i>kurstaki</i> and <i>aizawai</i> , bifenthrin, carbaryl, chlorantraniliprole (1.67SC, spray), cryolite, cyantraniliprole, cyclaniliprole, cyfluthrin, diazinon, diflubenzuron, emamectin benzoate, fluvalinate, gamma-cyhalothrin, indoxacarb, insecticidal soap, lambda-cyhalothrin, malathion, permethrin, phosmet, spinosad. |
| <b>When to treat:</b>       | Late April through first two weeks of May, 90-190 GDD, PPI-Japanese quince.  |
| <b>IPM considerations:</b>  | Survey ornamental host trees after leaves drop to find egg masses. Prune off or remove egg masses by early spring. Eggs hatch when wild cherry leaves begin to unfold; remove and destroy tents containing caterpillars during the day. Favored hosts include apple, crabapple, and cherry.  |

### **Elm bark beetles (116), *Scolytus multistriatus* (smaller European EBB), *Hylurgopinus rufipes* (native EBB) (scolytid bark beetles)**

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Plant abnormalities:</b> | Terminals wilt and turn yellow; dieback; galleries under bark.  |
| <b>Management options:</b>  | No effective parasites. Bifenthrin (* <sup>F</sup> OnyxPro, *Talstar P, *Baseline), carbaryl, permethrin.   |
| <b>When to treat:</b>       | Spray twigs and crotches one to four years old and those cut or broken: April, 7-120 GDD, again in mid-July. Include large branches and trunk if native EBB is a concern.   |
| <b>IPM considerations:</b>  | Although both species can vector Dutch elm disease, <i>S. multistriatus</i> is usually more important and prefers open-grown trees in parks, along streets, and in yards. It has two generations and a smaller third one in New York. Adults present mid-May to mid-July, late July to late August, and |

*Table continues on next page.*

**Table 2.10.1. Insecticides and acaricides registered for ornamental trees and shrubs**

**Symbols Used:** \* = Restricted-use pesticide; \*F = Indicates a federally restricted-use pesticide. † = Not for use in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

| Active Ingredient ( <i>Mode of Action Group</i> ) <sup>A</sup> | Trade Name(s), Formulation, and Company                            | EPA Reg. No.   | Organic Listed <sup>B</sup> | Use <sup>‡</sup>  | REI§ (hrs.) | PPE        |             |
|--|--|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
|  |  |                |                             |                   |             | Applicator | Early Entry |
| <b>Acephate (1B)</b>   |  |                |                             |                   |             |            |             |
|  | Acecap Systemic Tree Implants (98.9%, Creative Sales) <sup>1</sup> | 37979-1        | —                           | N, L              | NA          | acf        |             |
|  | *Dendrex (97% Florida Silvics) <sup>1</sup>                        | 64014-1        | —                           | L                 | NA          | acf        |             |
|  | *Ace-Jet (97.4%, Arborjet) <sup>2</sup>                            | 74578-2        | —                           | N, L              | NA          | acfh       |             |
|  | *Acephate 97 UP (UPL NA)   | 70506-8        | —                           | N, L              | 24          | acfi       | cfk         |
|  | *Lepitect Infusible (97.4%, Rainbow Treecare) <sup>3</sup>         | 74779-5        | —                           | N, L              | NA          | acfh       |             |
|  | *Lepitect (97.4%, Rainbow Treecare) <sup>4</sup>                   | 74779-6        | —                           | N, L              | 24          | acfl       | bck         |
|  | *Orthene Turf, Tree & Ornamental 97 Spray (97S, Amvac)             | 5481-8978      | —                           | N, L              | 24          | acfl       | cfk         |
|  | *Orthene Turf, Tree & Ornamental WSP (75%, Amvac)                  | 5481-8971      | —                           | N, L              | 24          | acfl       | cfk         |
|  | *Acephate 97 WDG (ADAMA)   | 66222-266      | —                           | N, L              | 24          | acfl       | cfk         |
|  | *Acephate 90 Prill (90S, ADAMA)                                    | 66222-123      | —                           | N                 | 24          | acfm       | cfk         |
|  | *Acephate 90 WDG (Loveland) <sup>5</sup>                           | 34704-1051     | —                           | N                 | 24          | acfl       | cfk         |
|  | *Tide Acephate 90WDG (Tide)  | 84229-7        | —                           | N, L              | 24          | acfl       | cfk         |
|  | *Acephate 90% Prills (90S, Control Solutions)                      | 53883-253      | —                           | N, L              | 24          | acfl       | cfk         |
|  | *Livid 90 Prill (90S, Innvictis) <sup>6</sup>                      | 89167-27-89391 | —                           | N, L <sup>6</sup> | 24          | acfl       | cfk         |
|  | *Acephate 90 Prill Select (90S, Prime Source) <sup>5</sup>         | 89442-40       | —                           | N, L              | 24          | acf        | cfk         |
|  | *Omni Brand Acephate 97 SG (Helena)                                | 5905-620       | —                           | N, L              | 24          | acfl       | cfk         |

Systemic activity in foliage. Do not apply to huckleberry, cottonwood, Lombardy poplar, Balm of Gilead, sugar maple, *Viburnum suspensum*, or American elm. Phytotoxicity has occurred on certain crabapple varieties (see label). Do not spray when temperature is above 90°F. Highly toxic to honey bees, toxic to birds. For ground applications note application restrictions on the product label.

<sup>1</sup>Implanted into base of tree trunk. <sup>2</sup>Trunk injection; for trees and shrubs including landscape ornamentals, conifers, Christmas trees, deciduous tree farms, seed orchards, plantations and forest trees. <sup>3</sup>Includes forest uses. <sup>4</sup>Labeled for use as both a soil injection and foliar spray. <sup>5</sup>Label includes uses for Douglas fir needle midge on Christmas trees. <sup>6</sup>Not for outdoor residential uses.

#### **Acephate (1B) + imidacloprid (4A)**

\*Avatar PLX (0.5+0.05DF, Aquatrols) 94396-29 – N, L 24 acfl acf

Labeled as a drench for black vine weevil and strawberry root weevil in certain container-grown nursery stock, for foliar application to ornamental trees and shrubs, and for bark application to crepe myrtle. Airblast (air-assist), aerial, and ULV application prohibited. Do not apply with low pressure handwand equipment except for non-agricultural or non-commercial uses. Note vegetative filter strip requirements around aquatic areas and other application restrictions. Highly toxic to aquatic invertebrates and to honey bees exposed to direct treatment or residues. Label includes specific pollinator protection restrictions. Toxic to birds and wildlife. Do not apply to Balm of Gilead, cottonwood, Lombardy poplar or *Viburnum suspensum*. Injury has been seen on crabapples *Malus tschonoskii*, *M. floribunda*, ‘Hopa,’ ‘Pink Perfection,’ ‘Red Wine,’ and ‘Snowcloud.’ There is a 14-day spray interval except for flowering crabapples and Douglas fir. Flowering crabapples cannot be treated more than 3 times per growing season at 4 week intervals. Douglas fir can only be treated once per season. Note maximum use rates and other application restrictions.

#### **Acequinocyl (20B)**

Shuttle 15SC (1.25SC, Arysta) 66330-38 – N, L 12 acf cfk  
 Shuttle O (1.25SC, OHP) 66330-38-59807 – N, L 12 acf cfk  
 Shuttle-O (1.25SC, OHP) 70506-447-59807 – N, L 12 acf cfk

Reduced-risk miticide for twospotted and spruce spider mites in landscapes, interiorscapes, nurseries, shadehouses and greenhouses. Test first before use on miniature roses or impatiens. Toxic to aquatic invertebrates; do not apply within 75 feet of aquatic areas. Store in a dry place away from heat. Do not mix with phosethyl fungicides (Alliette, Areca, Chipco Signature, Fosal, Fosetyl-Al).

#### **Acetamiprid (4A)**

\*TriStar 8.5SL (0.76SL, Cleary) 8033-106-1001 – N, L 12 acf cfk  
 \*Quasar 8.5SL (0.76L, Atticus) 91234-16 – N, L 12 acf cfk  
 \*Retriever (0.76L, ArborSystems)<sup>1</sup> 69117-14 – L acf

Reduced-risk insecticide labeled for control of aphids, adelgids, European pine sawfly, caterpillars, leafminers, mealybugs, leafhopper, plant bugs, psyllids, scale insects, whiteflies and certain other pests on greenhouse and outdoor orn control certain borers, scale insects and hemlock woolly adelgid. Translaminar activity: addition of a spreader-type adjuvant may improve amentals and vegetable transplants. 8.5SL formulations in NY labeled as a foliar spray, basal bark spray or trunk injection for ornamental or non-bearing fruit and nut trees to control. Maximum four (SL) applications/year. Toxic to wildlife, toxic to bees exposed to direct treatment. Store cool and dry. Not for use

## 3 Disease Management for Trees and Shrubs

### 3.1 General Measures for Disease Prevention

Because trees and shrubs live for many years, their susceptibility to disease is influenced not only by current climatic and environmental conditions but also by conditions and care during previous years. Maltreatment and lack of care favor many diseases. Many issues in nurseries and plantings can be minimized by selection of proper planting sites, avoidance of unnecessary wounding, routine care including fertilization and timely watering and pruning, and preventive measures such as those described below.

Trees and shrubs on sites subject to deep soil freezing should be mulched to prevent root injury. Evergreens susceptible to unusual winter drying, such as those planted in exposed areas, should be treated with an antidesiccant.

Disinfect your tools regularly when pruning to control diseases. An easy, effective way to do this is to swab the cutting blades with an aqueous solution of denatured alcohol prepared by mixing 7 parts alcohol with 3 parts water. A vial or other pocket-sized container will hold a saturated cotton swab.

Discoloration and decay following pruning are minimized if exposed tissues are allowed to close of their own accord. Applications of shellac or another wound dressing can be used where wound invasion by canker-causing fungi or bacteria is likely to occur.

For new plantings, choose pest-resistant plants where available (<https://nysipm.cornell.edu/agriculture/ornamental-crops/disease-and-insect-resistant-ornamental-plants> – scroll down for list). Named cultivars propagated in nurseries and offered for landscape use in the last 15 years have usually been monitored for insect and disease susceptibility in the nursery, and many highly susceptible individuals have been eliminated from production. Table 3.4.1 also lists some disease-resistant selections.

### 3.2 Nursery Hygiene

Do not let sloppy nursery hygiene ruin your investment in clean plants and soil fumigation. Soilborne pathogenic fungi, bacteria, and nematodes are carried into the nursery and spread within it by dirty feet, implements, and machines; moving surface water; blowing soil; and infested or infected plants.

1. Insist on clean stock. Do not order or accept stock likely to be infested with nematodes, crown gall bacteria, the Verticillium wilt pathogen, or similar organisms.
2. Stabilize all open soil and maintain windbreaks. Cover dirt roads with gravel or oil.

3. Require equipment moving between nursery blocks to pass through a central area where soil is washed off. The equipment can be parked on a bed of cobblestones, and the soil particles will be carried down through the cobbles. A steel grating over a pit is a better arrangement for a permanent wash-down area. If not possible to clean equipment between blocks, make sure to work in any infected or infested blocks last, and clean equipment at the end of the day.
4. Clean boots and hand tools as you do other equipment.
5. When roguing diseased plants or pruning diseased parts of plants, bag and dispose of, destroy or bury the discards.
6. Do not allow surface water to run from one nursery block to another. Divert it into ditches or culverts.
7. Remember that irrigation water can carry pests and pathogens. Select a clean source and keep it clean.
8. Allow no direct traffic from outdoor areas to indoor propagation areas. Use properly maintained foot baths containing a germicidal agent at entrances if possible.
9. When collecting cuttings in the field, inspect stock plants carefully, and avoid any plants showing disease symptoms or abnormalities. For many leaf diseases, inspect stock plants late in the growing season before cuttings are actually taken, when leaf diseases are most apparent.

### 3.3 Diseases of General Importance or Occurrence

Because of the large number of crops covered in this document, and the wide variety of diseases that affect them, this section covers those diseases that have a broad host range and are most common in nurseries and landscapes.

#### 3.3.1 Crown Gall

Crown gall, caused by *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*, occurs in nurseries and plantings throughout New York State. The list of woody plants susceptible to the disease includes plants in at least 77 genera and 32 families.

The disease becomes established in nursery crops when clean stock is planted in infected soil and when infected stock is planted in previously clean soil. Once in the soil, the bacteria can persist indefinitely in decomposing debris from galls on susceptible plants. The wounds necessary for entry of the pathogen occur during planting, cultivating, grafting, and pruning.

**Table 3.3.1. Provisional List Of Woody Plant Genera Not Susceptible To Crown Gall**

| Scientific Name | Common Name |
|-----------------|-------------|
| <i>Berberis</i> | Barberry    |
| <i>Buxus</i>    | Boxwood     |
| <i>Carpinus</i> | Hornbeam    |

### 3.4.1. Disease control guide

**NOTE:** See Section 3.5 for pesticide trade names containing the active ingredients noted below. Pesticides listed in this table may not be registered for both nursery and landscape use. Always confirm that the site you plan to treat and the pest you wish to control are listed on the label before using any pesticide.

**Symbols Used:** \* = Restricted-use pesticide; † = Not for use in Nassau and Suffolk Counties; ‡ = Trade names are listed when: (a) two active ingredients are combined into one product or (b) where only one or two labels within a larger list of products are registered for that pest and host.

| Plant and Disease <sup>1</sup>   | Control   |
|--|---|
| <b>Hedera (English ivy)</b>  |   |
| Leafspot caused by <i>Xanthomonas hortorum</i> pv. <i>hederae</i> (syn. <i>X. campestris</i> pv. <i>hederae</i> ) (Plate 74, <b>185</b> )                | Remove and destroy affected leaves in autumn. Apply fosetyl-Al (for suppression), copper hydroxide, *Agri- Fos, or Camelot O‡ as symptoms appear during the growing season or use an appropriate formulation of one of the mono-and di-potassium salts of phosphorus acid for the site. ‘Gold Dust’ is resistant. ‘Brokamp’ and ‘Hahn Variegated’ are highly susceptible.                                 |
| <b>Juglans (walnut, butternut)</b>   |   |
| Bacterial blight caused by <i>Xanthomonas arboricola</i> pv. <i>juglandis</i> (syn.= <i>X. campestris</i> pv. <i>juglandis</i> ) (Plate 75, <b>186</b> ) | Prune and destroy infected shoots if possible, disinfecting tools between cuts. Apply *Junction‡ at prebloom, bloom, and early nutlet stages.   |
| Anthracnose caused by <i>Gnomonia leptostyla</i> (conidial state = <i>Marssonella</i> ; syn.= <i>Marssonina</i> ) (Plate 54, <b>51</b> )                 | Destroy or compost fallen leaves. Spray with mancozeb, *Junction‡, propiconazole, thiophanate-methyl, chlorothalonil, or *Spectro 90 WDG‡ three times at two-week intervals beginning at budbreak.  |
| <b>Juniperus (juniper, red cedar)</b>  |   |
| Rust caused by <i>Gymnosporangium</i> sp. (Plate 115, <b>129-133</b> )   | Do not plant near hawthorn, flowering crab, quince, or similar plants. Remove galls from plants in spring where practical. Spray severely affected plants with triadimefon, *Pageant Intrinsic‡, *Mural‡, azoxystrobin, myclobutanil, mancozeb, or *Junction‡ two times at three-week intervals beginning in early August or follow label directions. Use disease-resistant selections for new plantings. |
| Blight caused by <i>Phomopsis juniperovora</i> (Plate 64, <b>72</b> )  | Prune and destroy infected shoots where practical. Avoid overhead irrigation. Rogue and destroy infected plants in young plantings. Spray with mancozeb, propiconazole, copper sulfate pentahydrate, copper hydroxide, *Mural‡, azoxystrobin, *Fungisol w/debacarb‡, thiophanate-methyl (3336F or 3336 EG), or *Junction‡ at two-week intervals throughout the growing season or per label directions.    |
| Blight caused by <i>Kabatina juniperi</i> (Plate 64, <b>72</b> )   | Use thiophanate-methyl (3336F or 3336 EG) Protect DF‡, or *Fungisol w/debacarb‡, to treat according to label directions. In sites with a history of this disease, plant resistant selections.   |

**Disease-Resistant Junipers.** Many species of *Juniperus* have been reported to be resistant to at least one of the common diseases. However, because all three are ubiquitous, resistance to at least two of the three is advisable. Listed below are taxa with such resistance. For additional information on disease resistant junipers, see <https://hdl.handle.net/1813/56372.2>.

| <i>Species</i>      | <i>Resistant to:</i> |          |       |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------|-------|
| Variety             | Phomopsis            | Kabatina | Rusts |
| <i>J. chinensis</i> |                      |          |       |
| Femina              | X                    |          | X     |
| Hetzii              |                      | X        | X     |
| Iowa                | X                    |          |       |
| Keteleeri           | X                    | X        | X     |
| Pfitzeriana         | X                    | X        | X     |
| Sargentii           | X                    | X        | X     |
| sarg.-glauca        | X                    | X        |       |
| <i>J. communis</i>  |                      |          |       |
| Depressa            | X                    |          | X     |
| Hibernica           |                      | X        | X     |
| Saxatalis           | X                    |          | X     |

### 3.5 Fungicide Information

**Table 3.5.1. Some fungicides, bactericides, and nematocides registered for use on trees and shrubs in New York State**

**Symbols Used:** \* = Restricted-use pesticide; † = Not for use in Nassau or Suffolk Counties; ‡ = Site use: N = Nursery (may include field grown and plantation-grown), L = landscape (may include residential or commercial landscapes); § = REI = restricted-entry interval; applies to nursery (or plantation) uses under the Worker Protection Standard, 40 CFR part 170; NA = not applicable

**Active Ingredient (Mode of Action Group)**

| Example Trade Names, Formulation (Company) | EPA Reg. No. | Use ‡ | REI§ |
|--|--------------|-------|------|
|--|--------------|-------|------|

**Azoxystrobin (11)**

|                               |          |      |   |
|-------------------------------|----------|------|---|
| Heritage Fungicide (Syngenta) | 100-1093 | N, L | 4 |
|-------------------------------|----------|------|---|

**Warning:** Azoxystrobin is of the strobilurin chemical class. To discourage development of resistant pests, alternate sprays with another product that has a different mode of action between every one or two treatments, as directed on the label.

**Azoxystrobin (11) + Benzovindiflupyr (7)**

|                             |          |      |    |
|-----------------------------|----------|------|----|
| *Mural Fungicide (Syngenta) | 100-1479 | N, L | 12 |
|-----------------------------|----------|------|----|

**Warning:** Azoxystrobin is of the strobilurin chemical class. To discourage development of resistant pests, apply no more than 2 sequential applications unless otherwise stated in the crop section. \*Mural should not be alternated or tank-mixed with any fungicide to which resistance has already developed. Landscape use limited to commercial landscapes.

**Basic copper sulfate (M4) + copper oxychloride (M4)**

|                                 |           |   |    |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---|----|
| C-O-C-S WDG (Loveland Products) | 34704-326 | N | 48 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---|----|

Remarks: General protectant fungicide and bactericide, but limited ornamental uses.

**Calcium Polysulfide (NC)**

|                              |                |      |    |
|------------------------------|----------------|------|----|
| *Brandt Lime Sulfur (Brandt) | 61842-30-48813 | N, L | 48 |
|------------------------------|----------------|------|----|

May be phytotoxic to some plant species if temperature exceeds 75° F. at application. Registered for managing some diseases on lilac and rose and canker on boxwood in commercial landscapes and nurseries. Some treatments recommended while plants are dormant. Not for residential use or application to residential sites or in or around any day care or nursery school facility.

**Chlorothalonil (M5)**

|  |               |      |    |
|--|---------------|------|----|
| Bravo Ultrex (ADAMA)   | 66222-277**   | N    | 12 |
| Bravo Weather Stik (ADAMA)                                   | 66222-276**   | N    | 12 |
| Daconil Ultrex Turf Care <sup>1</sup> (Syngenta)             | 50534-202-100 | N, L | 12 |
| Daconil Ultrex Turf Care <sup>1</sup> (Syngenta)             | 100-1694      | N, L | 12 |
| Daconil Weather Stik <sup>1</sup> (Syngenta)                 | 50534-209-100 | N, L | 12 |
| Daconil Weather Stik <sup>1</sup> (Syngenta)                 | 100-1695      | N, L | 12 |
| Daconil Zn Flowable <sup>1</sup> (Syngenta)                  | 50534-211-100 | N, L | 12 |
| Daconil Zn Flowable <sup>1</sup> (Syngenta)                  | 100-1696      | N, L | 12 |
| Manicure 6FL <sup>2</sup> (Lescro)                           | 60063-7-10404 | N, L | 12 |
| Echo 720 T&O Fungicide (Sipcam Agro)                         | 60063-7       | N, L | 12 |
| Echo Ultimate T&O Fungicide (Sipcam Agro)                    | 60063-3       | N, L | 12 |
| Manicure Ultra <sup>2</sup> (Lescro)                         | 60063-3-10404 | N, L | 12 |
| PrimeraOne Chlorothalonil DF <sup>2</sup> (Sipcam Agro)      | 60063-3       | N, L | 12 |
| PrimeraOne Chlorothalonil 720 SFT <sup>2</sup> (Sipcam Agro) | 60063-7       | N, L | 12 |

Chlorothalonil labels are extremely variable. Before purchasing, be certain product is labeled for both the host and the disease you wish to control. Where noted (\*\*), conifers are the only ornamentals appearing on product labels. **Note:** Additional precautions required for 6.5 days after treatment with products listed; see labels for details. Some products are not for residential use or may not be used on specified sites such as school grounds, playgrounds, etc. See labels.

<sup>1</sup>Do not apply to blue spruce. <sup>2</sup>These products have some landscape ornamental uses but do not have a warning to avoid application to blue spruce; these products may be used to manage diseases such as Weir's cushion rust and Rhizosphaera needlecast on blue spruce in landscapes.

**Chlorothalonil (M5)+ Thiophanate-methyl (1)**

|                                   |         |      |    |
|-----------------------------------|---------|------|----|
| *Spectro 90 WDG (Cleary Chemical) | 1001-72 | N, L | 12 |
|-----------------------------------|---------|------|----|

Broad-spectrum fungicide for control of specific leaf spot, rust, scab, and blight diseases. **Note:** Additional precautions required for 6.5 days after treatment with products listed; see labels for details.

## 4 Weed Management in Nursery Crops

### 4.1 Establishing a Weed Management Program

#### 4.1.1 The Need for a Weed Management Program

Weeds compete with crop plants for water, fertilizer, light, carbon dioxide, and other resources essential for plant growth. Weeds also harbor insect pests; reduce air flow around desirable plants, resulting in a microclimate more conducive to disease; and in some instances, serve as alternate hosts to pathogenic organisms. In addition, the aesthetic quality of the landscape (and perceived quality of nursery stock) is reduced by weed growth. Consequently, weed management is an essential part of any nursery crop production or landscape management system.

#### 4.1.2 Weed Identification

The first step in developing any pest management plan is to identify the pest, and a weed management program is no exception. The importance of proper identification cannot be overemphasized. Correct identification not only means knowing the proper name but also provides information about the weed, particularly its life cycle. Weeds that infest ornamental plantings have one of four life cycles. Becoming familiar with the life cycle allows us to determine at what time of year the most susceptible growth stage is occurring. **Summer annuals** emerge in the spring, flower, and set seed before the first frost in the fall. **Winter annuals** germinate at the end of summer and overwinter as small, dormant seedlings. **Biennials** are similar to winter annuals but germinate earlier in the summer. As days lengthen and temperatures rise in the spring, both winter annuals and biennials are stimulated to flower, set seed, and die before the end of the summer. **Perennials**, as the name suggests, survive more than two seasons and generally can propagate by seed or by vegetative means. Weeds can also be classified into broad categories based on their growth types—grasses, sedges, and broadleaves—that are often useful in determining herbicide selectivity. Several weed and wild flower identification guides are available to assist in this identification effort. For a list of such resources appropriate to your region or for help in identifying unknown species, contact your local Cornell Cooperative Extension office ([cce.cornell.edu/localoffices](http://cce.cornell.edu/localoffices)).

#### 4.1.3 Weed Scouting

Scouting fields for weeds should begin the year before planting, paying particular attention to species that will be difficult or impossible to control after planting. These species must be controlled before planting. Integrating crop planting maps with weed maps has provided optimal weed control and reduced crop injury from inappropriate herbicide use, excessive cultivation, or weed competition for crop and weed management groupings.

After planting, fields should be scouted at least twice a year: **early summer** and **early autumn**. In early summer, any summer annual weeds that escaped control are still small but identifiable and may be controlled with cultivation or selective postemergent herbicides. Also at this time, many winter annuals and biennials are flowering so there still may be time to control them before seeds ripen. Perennial weeds may be identified and mapped early in the season to allow optimal timing of control procedures. Some perennials, such as quackgrass, are best controlled early in the season, whereas others are best controlled at other times. (See Table 4.2.1 for specific guidelines for perennial weed control.) In early autumn, winter annual seedlings, perennial weeds, and summer annuals that escaped control procedures are identifiable. Winter annuals will be easier to control postemergently at this time, before they have overwintered. The results of the autumn scouting are also useful in evaluating the effectiveness of your overall weed management program.

The actual scouting process can be accomplished in a fairly simple manner. The first and most important aspect is to map the areas, noting the species and locations of weeds as well as the species of ornamentals present. Many nurseries have already developed planting maps that may be adapted to this purpose. Using this map, conduct a weed inventory of each growing area or block. Walking fields in a wide zigzag pattern is an efficient way to do this. Note the general weed population and record relative densities. Take particular note of heavy infestations of a single species, perennial weeds, species you do not know (could this be a serious weed in the future?), and weeds that may be new to the area. As this inventory of information builds, notice which species are not controlled by your current management program, for these species will become more numerous unless you alter your management program to compensate.

#### 4.1.4 Weed Management Options

Plan your weed management strategy based on the scouting report. Perennial weeds and other difficult-to-control species should be controlled before planting. Also before planting, consider the postplanting weed management strategies to be employed. Doing this before planting may help avoid costly weed problems later on. After planting, weeds may be controlled with cultivation, mulches, cover cropping (or living mulches), or herbicides. A combination of these control strategies, coupled with cultural programs that minimize weed infestations and introductions, is generally the most practical and effective option. When selecting the most appropriate options, consider the economics, crop safety, efficacy, environmental stewardship, and “fit” within your overall crop management program.

## 4.8 Description and Characteristics of Herbicides Registered for Nursery and Landscape Use

### Acclaim Extra

*Common Name:* fenoxaprop

*Formulation:* 0.57EC

**Uses:** Postemergence control of annual and perennial grass weeds in established turfgrass, nursery crops, and landscape ornamentals, including many trees, shrubs, herbaceous perennials, and annuals.

|                          | <i>Amount of active ingredient</i> | <i>Amount by formulation</i> |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                          |                                    | 0.57EC                       |
| <i>Per Acre</i>          | 0.1 to 0.3 lb.                     | 3.5 to 39 oz.                |
| <i>Per 1,000 sq. ft.</i> | 0.02 to 0.17 lb.                   | 0.08 to 0.90 oz.             |

#### Recommended rates for annual grass control:

| <i>Growth stage</i>   | <i>oz./A</i> | <i>oz./1,000 sq. ft.</i> |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| seedling (untillered) | 13           | 0.30                     |
| 1–2 tillers           | 20           | 0.46                     |
| 3–4 tillers           | 28           | 0.64                     |

**Major Weeds Controlled:** Annual grasses such as Japanese stiltgrass, crabgrass, goosegrass, barnyardgrass, foxtails, and panicums.

**Major Weeds Not Controlled:** Annual bluegrass, broadleaf weeds, or sedges. Most perennial grasses are tolerant.

**For Best Results:** Apply to young (seedling to 3-tiller), actively growing grasses. May be tank mixed, following label directions with other pre- and postemergence herbicides. Thorough spray coverage is essential for optimal results. Flat fan nozzles are recommended. Addition of a nonionic surfactant is generally recommended.

**Cautions and Precautions:** Do not use on Bar Harbor juniper, salvia, philodendron, podocarpus, or pittosporum. Check label for other species restrictions. Weed and crop tolerance may vary according to environmental conditions, and tolerance should be determined before extensive use. Do not apply more than a total of 120 oz. per acre per growing season. Do not apply more than 28 oz./A to Kentucky bluegrass or zoysiagrass.

**Residual Activity:** Up to two weeks of residual control has been reported.

**Volatility and Leaching Potential:** Loss from volatility is minimal. Leaching is negligible.

**Symptoms and Mode of Action:** Growth inhibition occurs within 48 hr. Meristems turn black shortly thereafter. Yellow to red foliage develops in about 7 to 10 days, leading to death within about 14 days. Mechanism of action involves inhibition of lipid synthesis at the root and shoot meristems.

**Manufacturer:** Bayer Environmental Science

**EPA Reg. No.:** 432-950



Table 4.9.1. Weed susceptibilities to PREemergence herbicides

**Table 4.10.1 Herbicides registered for use on ornamentals in New York**

|   |                  |                     |                               |                                 |                       |                   |                                      |                           |                     |               |                          |
|---|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Key:</b> <i>Ornamental Species:</i> Several = 6 species or more registered; Few = 1-4 species registered; None = 0 species registered<br>f/c = field and container      c = container use only      f = field<br>* Restricted-use pesticide      † = Not for use in Nassau or Suffolk Counties |                  |                     |                               |                                 |                       |                   |                                      |                           |                     |               |                          |
|   |                  |                     | Ornamental species registered |                                 |                       |                   |                                      |                           |                     |               |                          |
| Application Type  | Long Island Use? | Trade Name          | Shade Trees                   | Narrow Leaf (Needle) Evergreens | Broad-leaf Evergreens | Decid-uous Shrubs | Ground-covers (Woody & Semi - Woody) | Peren-nials (Herba-ceous) | Orna-mental Grasses | Bulbs         | Annuals (Bedding Plants) |
| pre   | yes              | Pendulum            | Several (f/c)                 | Several (f/c)                   | Several (f/c)         | Several (f/c)     | Several (f/c)                        | Several (f/c)             | Several (f/c)       | Several (f/c) | Several (f/c)            |
| pre   | no               | *†Pennant Magnum    | Several (f/c)                 | Several (f/c)                   | Several (f/c)         | Several (f/c)     | Several (f/c)                        | Several (f/c)             | Few (f/c)           | Few (f)       | Several (f)              |
| pre   | yes              | *Ronstar (G)        | Several (f/c)                 | Several (f/c)                   | Several (f/c)         | Several (f/c)     | Several (f/c)                        | Few (f/c)                 | Few (f/c)           | None          | None                     |
| post directed   | yes              | Roundup Pro         | Several (f)                   | Several (f)                     | Several (f)           | Several (f)       | None                                 | None                      | None                | None          | None                     |
| post directed   | yes              | Scythe              | Several (f)                   | Several (f)                     | Several (f)           | Several (f)       | Several (f)                          | Several (f)               | Several (f)         | Several (f)   | Several (f)              |
| post directed   | yes              | Sedgehammer+        | Several (f)                   | Several (f)                     | Several (f)           | Several (f)       | Several (f)                          | None                      | None                | None          | None                     |
| pre   | yes/no           | *Simazine (several) | Several (f)                   | Several (f)                     | Several (f)           | Few (f)           | None                                 | None                      | None                | None          | None                     |
| pre   | yes              | *Sureguard          | Several (f/c)                 | Several (f/c)                   | None                  | None              | None                                 | None                      | None                | None          | None                     |
| pre   | yes              | Surflan             | Several (f/c)                 | Several (f/c)                   | Several (f/c)         | Several (f/c)     | Several (f/c)                        | Several (f/c)             | Few (f/c)           | Several (f/c) | Several (f/c)            |
| pre   | yes              | Treflan             | Several (f/c)                 | Several (f/c)                   | Several (f/c)         | Several (f/c)     | Several (f/c)                        | Several (f/c)             | Several (f/c)       | Several (f/c) | Several (f/c)            |
| pre   | yes              | XL 2G               | Several (f/c)                 | Several (f/c)                   | Several (f/c)         | Several (f/c)     | Several (f/c)                        | Several (f/c)             | None                | Several (f/c) | Several (f/c)            |

**Table 4.10.2. Herbicides registered for landscape use in New York State**

| Trade Name              | Common Name | Spray or Granular | Pre or Post | Plant Types that may be found on the Label<br>***Check Label for Species*** |         |            |                |              | Weeds Controlled           | Application   | Post-Plant Interval                | Residential landscape restrictions <sup>3</sup> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|---|---------|------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---|
|                         |             |                   |             | Turf  | Annuals | Perennials | Trees & Shrubs | Orn. Grasses |                            |               |                                    |   |
| Acclaim Extra           | fenoxaprop  | S                 | post        | ✓   | ✓       | ✓          | ✓              |              | ann grasses                | OT            | Established                        |   |
| *Barricade 4L           | prodiamine  | S                 | pre         | ✓   | ✓       | ✓          | ✓              | ✓            | ann grass & bl weeds       | OT            | Newly planted (after soil settles) |   |
| *Barricade 65WG         | prodiamine  | S                 | pre         | ✓   | ✓       | ✓          | ✓              | ✓            | ann grass & bl weeds       | OT            | Newly planted (after soil settles) |   |
| Barrier                 | dichlobenil | G                 | pre         | can injure turf   |         |            | ✓              |              | ann & per grass & bl weeds | D             | Established                        |   |
| BasagranT&O             | bentazon    | S                 | post        | ✓   | ✓       | ✓          | ✓              | ✓            | bl weeds & sedges          | D or OT       | Label does not specify             |   |
| Biobarrier <sup>1</sup> | trifluralin | Geo-textile       | pre         | ✓   | ✓       | ✓          | ✓              | ✓            | roots                      | Under surface | None                               |   |
| *BroadStar              | flumioxazin | G                 | pre         |   |         |            | ✓              |              | ann grass & bl weeds       | OT            | Established                        |   |

**Table 4.10.3. Selected Approved Uses in NYS Under FIFRA Section 2(ee) Recommendations**

*Always review and follow label directions, restrictions, and precautions. The FIFRA 2(ee) label must be in the possession of the user at the time of application. Permits and possession of other publications may be required as well; see 2(ee) label for all requirements. See Section 1.10 for more information.*

| Trade Name     | EPA Reg. No.              | Target   | Site(s)  | Comments  |
|----------------|---------------------------|--|--|---|
| Roundup Promax | 524-579                   | Black Swallow-wort, Pale Swallow-wort, Japanese Barberry, Crownvetch | Forests and non-crop sites   | Apply a 2% solution with hand-held equipment.       |
| *†ΔStinger     | 62719-73                  | Mugwort  | Rangeland, pasture, Conservation Reserve Program areas, non-crop areas     | 0.25lb./A a.i. max/year                             |
| *†ΔStinger     | 62719-73                  | Brown Knapweed, Meadow Knapweed                                      | Rangeland, pasture, Conservation Reserve Program areas, non-crop use areas | Do not apply more than 2/3 pint per acre per year.  |
| *Vastlan       | 62719-687 (SLN NY-160004) | Wild Parsnip and several unlabeled woody weeds                       | Rangeland, pasture, Conservation Reserve Program areas, non-crop use areas | Must be used only in conjunction with SLN NY-160004 |

\* = Restricted-use pesticide; may be purchased and used only by certified applicators or used by someone under the direct supervision of a certified applicator.

† = Not for use in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Pesticide labels that indicate “Not for use on Long Island, N.Y.” mean that use is prohibited in Nassau and Suffolk Counties only.

Δ = Rate or other application restrictions apply. See label for more information.

## 4.11 Scientific Name Cross-references

**Table 4.11.1. Cross-reference for ornamental scientific names**

| Common name            | Genus, species                    |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Abelia, glossy         | <i>Abelia grandiflora</i>         |
| almond, flowering      | <i>Prunus glandulosa</i>          |
| andromeda species      | <i>Pieris</i> spp.                |
| andromeda, Japanese    | <i>Pieris japonica</i>            |
| apple                  | <i>Malus</i> spp.                 |
| arborvitae species     | <i>Thuja</i> spp.                 |
| arborvitae, American   | <i>Thuja occidentalis</i>         |
| arborvitae, oriental   | <i>Thuja orientalis</i>           |
| ash species            | <i>Fraxinus</i> spp.              |
| ash, green             | <i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>     |
| ash, mountain          | <i>Sorbus</i> spp.                |
| ash, white             | <i>Fraxinus americana</i>         |
| azalea species         | <i>Rhododendron</i> spp. (azalea) |
| azalea, Carolina       | <i>Rhododendron carolinianum</i>  |
| azalea, Chinese        | <i>Rhododendron molle</i>         |
| azalea, indica         | <i>Rhododendron indicum</i>       |
| azalea, Kurume         | <i>Rhododendron obtusum</i>       |
| bamboo, heavenly       | <i>Nandina domestica</i>          |
| barberry species       | <i>Berberis</i> spp.              |
| barberry, wintergreen  | <i>Berberis julianae</i>          |
| bayberry               | <i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>        |
| bearberry/kinnikinnick | <i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>    |
| beech species          | <i>Fagus</i> spp.                 |
| beech, European        | <i>Fagus sylvatica</i>            |
| birch species          | <i>Betula</i> spp.                |
| birch, European white  | <i>Betula pendula</i>             |
| birch, paper           | <i>Betula papyrifera</i>          |

**Table 4.11.1. Cross-reference for ornamental scientific names**

| Common name                  | Genus, species                      |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| birch, river                 | <i>Betula nigra</i>                 |
| black gum/sour gum           | <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>              |
| box elder                    | <i>Acer negundo</i>                 |
| boxwood species              | <i>Buxus</i> spp.                   |
| boxwood, common              | <i>Buxus sempervirens</i>           |
| boxwood, Harland             | <i>Buxus harlandii</i>              |
| boxwood, littleleaf/Japanese | <i>Buxus microphylla</i>            |
| broom species                | <i>Cytisus</i> spp.                 |
| butterfly bush               | <i>Buddleia davidii</i>             |
| cedar species                | <i>Cedrus</i> spp.                  |
| cedar, Atlas                 | <i>Cedrus atlantica</i>             |
| cedar, deodar                | <i>Cedrus deodara</i>               |
| cedar, Japanese              | <i>Cryptomeria japonica</i>         |
| cedar, red                   | <i>Juniperus virginiana</i>         |
| chastetree                   | <i>Vitex</i> spp.                   |
| cherry laurel                | <i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>          |
| cherry species               | <i>Prunus</i> spp.                  |
| cherry, black                | <i>Prunus serotina</i>              |
| cherry, Higan weeping        | <i>Prunus subhirtella pendulata</i> |
| cherry, Japanese flowering   | <i>Prunus serrulata</i>             |
| cherry, sargent              | <i>Prunus sargentii</i>             |
| cherry, Yoshino              | <i>Prunus yedoensis</i>             |
| chestnut, Chinese            | <i>Castanea mollissima</i>          |
| cotoneaster species          | <i>Cotoneaster</i> spp.             |
| cotoneaster, bearberry       | <i>Cotoneaster dammeri</i>          |
| cotoneaster, cranberry       | <i>Cotoneaster apiculatus</i>       |
| cotoneaster, littleleaf      | <i>Cotoneaster microphyllus</i>     |

## 5 Vertebrate Pest Management

### 5.1 Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

No single, simple remedy can be relied on to solve rodent problems in a sustainable way. Rodent control must be considered in terms of the environment in which the pest is active. Control activities must have as an overriding principle the biology and behavior of the animal in concert with its whole environment. IPM is a holistic, decision-making system – a process in which all interventions are brought to bear on a pest problem with the goal of providing the most effective, economical, and safe program possible. In short, IPM is a process for determining if, where, when, and what pest management intervention(s) are needed or justified.

### 5.2 Nonchemical Wildlife Damage Management Alternatives

A nursery owner can use a variety of nonchemical alternatives to reduce wildlife damage to nursery stock and ornamental shrubs. These techniques fall into several broad categories: exclusion, habitat modification, and wildlife population reductions. Although exclusion and habitat modification appear to be more expensive than population control, where possible, they may provide the greatest efficacy and longer-term relief from damage problems.

#### 5.2.1 Exclusion

**Fencing** is the most reliable exclusion technique for preventing wildlife damage to nursery stock. Woven-wire designs are the most effective physical barrier to wildlife, with high-tensile woven-wire fencing providing the ultimate in protection and durability. Deer can be successfully eliminated from large areas (>50 acres) with an 8- to 10-foot woven-wire fence. The advantages of this design are its effectiveness and low maintenance requirements after construction. Disadvantages include the high initial cost and the difficulty in repairing damaged sections.

A variety of multi-strand, high-tensile, vertical or sloped, electric fence designs effectively exclude wildlife. Electric high-tensile fences may be complete physical barriers or, more commonly, may act as a behavioral deterrent. Deer can be excluded from crops with a 5- to 6-foot electric fence, even though they can easily jump over woven-wire fences of this height. The most frequent reasons why electric fences fail to prevent wildlife damage include the selection of an unsuitable fence design, failure to install fencing according to manufacturers' specifications, and inadequate maintenance. Electric fences will not exclude wildlife unless adequate voltage is constantly maintained on the wires. High-tensile electric fences are easily repaired and may cost half as much as 8- to 10-foot woven-wire designs. Disadvantages include frequent monitoring and the need for vegetation control to maintain shocking power.

**Other physical barriers** that can prevent wildlife damage include wire cages, plastic tubing, bud caps, and bird netting. Large-scale use of these materials may be uneconomical because of the labor required to apply and remove these barriers. Wire or plastic tree guards can be used to protect trees from trunk girdling by rodents or rabbits. The more expensive wire guards provide longer-term damage prevention.

#### 5.2.2 Habitat Modification

Habitat modifications can make areas less suitable for nuisance wildlife. Damage prevention with cultural manipulations should begin with site selection and plant establishment. In nurseries, plowing or disking reduces vole populations, facilitates the establishment of the desired cover crop between rows, and simplifies future vegetation control. Removal of brush, stone piles, and nonmowable wet areas will reduce the attractiveness of sites to rodents and rabbits. Mowing in established plantings can reduce preferred wildlife foods, remove protective cover, enhance predation, and expose animals to severe weather conditions. Sites adjacent to croplands should also be mowed to reduce pest numbers.

#### 5.2.3 Population Reduction

Wildlife population reductions may be necessary to reduce damage to tolerable levels. Snap-back or cage traps are effective for capturing small mammals. Larger rodents or carnivores can be caught with foothold or body-gripping traps. When trapping, care and experience are necessary to reduce captures of nontarget species. In more urban areas, live-capture cage traps are recommended to protect pets. In rural locations, shooting can be used to effectively remove problem animals.

A trapping license, small game license, or special permit may be required from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for lethal control or transport of vertebrate pests. County and local laws vary in New York State, and some areas have trapping or shooting restrictions. Contact state and local officials before implementing any lethal or trapping and removal program for nuisance wildlife.

Reducing animal numbers by lethal methods may fail to provide long-term relief from damage. Where habitat conditions are suitable and exclusion is not attempted, most pest species will repopulate the site soon after control efforts have ceased, as animals will move into the control area from adjacent lands. Habitat modification and exclusion methods often require more initial effort and expense, but these techniques may provide longer-term damage prevention, especially when a few pest individuals can inflict substantial losses.