Common Pests in Ohio Home Fruit Gardens

Сгор	Pest	Damaging stage	Part attacked	Non-chemical management	Insecticide options (O = organic; C = conventional)
grape, raspberry, blueberry, peach, & plum	Japanese beetle	adult	leaves, also fruit	netting to block access; trap-out away from plants	spray as soon as adult beetles invade area, usually in early July O: azadirachtin C: carbaryl, or pyrethrins+PBO
berries	spotted wing Drosophila	larva	fruit	fine netting	spray once per week as soon as fruit turning color O: spinosad, Grandevo C: permethrin or malathion
strawberry & peach	tarnished plant bug	adult & nymph	fruit	keep flowering weeds out	O: azadirachtin C: spray permethrin or pyrethrins+PBO before and after bloom
strawberry	slugs	adult & juvenile	fruit	trapping with shingle traps	sprinkle bait under plants: O: iron phosphate bait C: metaldehyde bait
apple & pear	codling moth	larva	fruit	trap pupae in trunk bands; bag fruit	2 sprays in May/June; 2 sprays in July/August O: spinosad C: acetamiprid or pyrethrins+PBO
apple	apple maggot	larva	fruit	trap-out with red sticky balls (1 ball per 100 fruit)	spray in July & August O: spinosad C: carbaryl or acetamiprid
peach	peachtree borer	larva	trunk at soil line	'worming' (poke knife in trunk holes) in early spring	bark drench in early August O: spinosad C: permethrin
	Oriental fruit moth	larva	fruit & twigs	prune wilting shoots in May	spray at petal-fall and biweekly in June, July, August O: spinosad C: permethrin
peach & apple	plum curculio	adult & larva	fruit	allow ducks or geese or pigs to forage below trees	spray several times starting at early petal-fall O: kaolin C: permethrin
	San José scale	adult & nymph	bark, fruit	-	O & C: spray dilute horticultural oil before buds swell, in March
cherry	cherry fruit flies	larva	fruit	use baited yellow sticky traps	spray in early June: O: spinosad C: carbaryl or malathion

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