



READER CLASSIFIEDS

By Katrina Greenly
Well, spring has certainly sprung with this last warm week. Along with an increase in allergies many experience, comes a greater aggravation -- the emergence of ever-hungry groundhog population.

Last month's **Organic Gardening** had a raging battle among groundhog management factions: A) Shoot to kill, B) Trap and deport to appreciative strangers five miles away, and C) Plant enough for everybody.

The last option is often cited by gardeners who've never entertained groundhogs, those who hate eating vegetables, or someone with time and energy to maintain an acre garden that feeds two people. So, as you go out to plant your peas, lettuce, greens and other cold crops with optimism and joy in your hearts, don't forget to assess your defenses, count active groundhog holes, and prepare for preemptive strikes before those baby groundhogs quit the burrow to dine.

How many of you out there have a nice apple tree, or even an orchard, that you planted with the best intentions and then neglected due to lack of time or basic information? Or, have you pruned diligently, fertilizing and breathlessly counted flower buds without anything happening other than increased anticipation that's deflated by wormy moth-eaten apples that attract yellow jackets and foul your lawn mower? It's probably not too late to recoup your losses. Things are just a bit more complicated than you thought. Follow these steps.

Most existing apple trees already have a significant buildup of serious pests in the vicinity. You need to reduce contributing environmental factors, kill pests and encourage overall tree health so that they help you fight some battles.

1) Though it's easier in the autumn, it's not too late to remove and dispose of old dropped fruit.

2) Prune away all water spouts and sucker growth. Water sprouts are thin, straight vertical shoots that tangle existing branches, block air flow and encourage sucking aphid populations. Suckers are shoots

that sprout at the base of the trunk.

3) Open up the center of the tree by pruning crossing and rubbing branches and by thinning dense tangles of shoots. Don't leave short stubs that will die back and encourage decay organisms. Prune back to just above buds or alternate branches.

4) Spray the tree with *dormant oil* before the flowers emerge.

5) Kill grass at the base of your tree. It competes heavily with the tree for nutrients and water. Either mulch or plant white clover. A population of broad-

leaved weeds such as dandelion and plantain in this area is actually beneficial for they indirectly increase populations of a mite predator. If the leaves of your trees are susceptible to rust problems (spots and defoliation), removal of nearby scrubby red cedar thickets may be beneficial.

6) Feed trees with a balanced fertilizer in the spring, but avoid high Nitrogen concentrations that encourage fireblight infection. (The first of the 3 numbers on the bag is Nitrogen.)

7) From bud time on, take a close weekly look at your twigs, flowers and leaves to detect any rapid insect infestation. If you can't identify the insect yourself, bring a sample to Cooperative Extension for identification. You may need to spray with an appropriate insecticide.

8) During bloom period, buy or make apple-sized red ball sticky traps. Ask at your local garden center. You should have a trap for every 6-8 square feet of tree canopy.

If this seems like far too much work, you can always buy your apples at the store and sit back and enjoy your tree simply for its beauty and the smell of apple blossoms in the spring.

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