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FRUIT TREE CARE PROGRAM

Residents of Idaho have long grown Apples, Pears, Apricots, Plums, and other fruits for their own enjoyment.

There is something quite satisfying about growing and harvesting fruit out of your own yard.

Many growers are finding, however, that insects and diseases are ruining the crop before it can be harvested.

This can be frustrating and discouraging.

Alpine tree Service offers a range of organic treatments to help manage pests and disease.

Fruit trees are susceptible to a number of different problems, but the most common include:

Codling Moth: This moth lays an egg on the outside of the fruit. When the egg hatches the larvae tunnels into the center of the apple and lives there as it grows. These are the most common apple ‘worms’.

Scab Fungus: A disease that ruins the outside of the fruit and, if left untreated, can seriously damage the tree. Alpine uses organic fungicides like copper and sulfur to limit the damage done.

Fire Blight: This bacterial disease can cause extensive die back in apples and pears, and infected branches should be trimmed out. We use traditional organic treatments to limit the spread of the bacteria.





TREATMENT FOR CODLING MOTH

Alpine uses a combination of organic insecticides to combat codling moth. Spinosad is a bacterial byproduct made through fermentation which, when consumed by the moth larvae, is toxic within a few days. Cyd-X is a naturally occurring virus of the Moth that, when ingested by the larvae, multiplies until the larvae dies. Because both treatments have relatively short lasting effect on any tree, multiple applications should be done. At a minimum, we recommend one treatment when the trees are dormant, and another timed to the hatch.

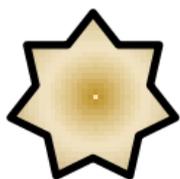
TRIMMING FRUIT TREES IMPROVES YIELD AND QUALITY



Fruit trees should be trimmed twice each year. The main trimming should be done in the very early spring to make corrections to the structure of the tree. A stubby, open tree will support fruit weight, allow for full fruit development, and will be easier to harvest. The tree should also be trimmed in mid - summer to remove most of the water shoots, and to allow more sun for the maturing fruit.



ALPINE HAS SEVERAL DIFFERENT TIERS OF SERVICE



Starts at
**\$625 per
year**

Gold Level Service includes:

- Two dormant oil sprays.
- Two sprays for fireblight and fungus.
- Four organic sprays for Codling Moth and other insects.
- Two trims, one in spring, the other in mid-summer.
- One application of Alpine Custom Blend root stimulant.



Starts at
**\$445 per
year**

Silver Level Service includes:

- Two dormant oil sprays.
- One spray for fireblight and fungus.
- Two organic sprays for Codling Moth and other insects.
- Two trims, one in spring, the other in mid-summer.
- One application of Alpine Custom Blend root stimulant.



Starts at
**\$250 per
year**

Bronze Level Service includes:

- One dormant oil spray.
- One spray for fireblight and fungus.
- One organic spray for Codling Moth.
- One early spring trim
- One application of Alpine Custom Blend root stimulant.



Just Planting an Orchard?

Here are a few tips:

- ✓ Start with good soil. The soil should be well drained, have about 30% organic matter, and should have active fungal and microbial life (mycorrhiza).
- ✓ Look for areas of the yard that have full sun.
- ✓ Get your fruit trees from a local source, since not all varieties do well in this climate.
- ✓ Try to plant varieties that bloom at the same time, it helps with pollination.
- ✓ Space dwarf trees 10' apart, and full size trees 20' apart.
- ✓ Trim the trees in order to establish good structure within the first few years of growth.