



Winter Tree Wash

Reduce pests over wintering in fruit trees by applying a winter wash

The best way of controlling insects in fruit trees is to apply a winter tree wash to reduce over wintering pests and their eggs. It is not an insecticide, but a totally natural, specially formulated product ideal for use on trees and shrubs during dormant months.

This is an organic product that works through physical action, by attacking the waxy compounds that make up insect eggs. Winter tree wash is mainly used against aphid eggs, though it works on any pest that lays its eggs in woody trees. These eggs would hatch in the spring to attack the tender new shoots and a bad infestation can really ruin fruit or ornamental trees.

Controls aphids including greenfly, blackfly and whitefly and other insects on most fruit trees and bushes including Apples, Plum, Pear, Cherry, Damsons, Blackcurrants, Redcurrants, Blackberry, Raspberry, Loganberry, Peach, Nectarine as well as Vines under glass. The Gooseberry sawfly over winters in the soil in a cocoon, so a winter wash would not be suitable for this pest.



It contains plant oils and works on contact so needs a thorough application. Apply at any time through the winter when the plants are dormant. It will also scorch leaves, so it is only suitable for winter use when trees have lost their leaves. There are differing opinions on the number of applications required; most suggest at least two - the first in December and another in January, with a third (optional spraying) in February. For best results, treat on a mild winter day when the bark is dry, and it's not too windy. You must spray it directly onto the eggs for it to work so use a coarse head on your sprayer. You need to thoroughly soak the whole tree as the eggs you're trying to kill will be in the tiniest of nooks and crannies.