

Euonymus / Pine Scale

Scale insects are a common problem found on several species of shrubs and trees, especially the Euonymus and Mugo Pines. This insect can cause complete defoliation or even death of the affected plant.

The symptoms of scale insects are yellowish or white spots on the leaves. Sometimes the whole plant is whitened by the covers of the scales. When this occurs, the plant's leaves, or needles, may drop and sometimes a normally green plant becomes bare by midsummer. Plants growing close to buildings seem to be damaged more than those growing where there is free air circulation.

Our scale insect program is designed to help control this insect and bring the plant back to optimum health. Correct timing is critical in controlling the scale insect because it has more than one life cycle per year. Fertilization is also important to the affected plants as it provides the required nutrients for optimum health.

Our program may consists of the following applications:

- Dormant scale spray
- Soil application of systemic insecticides
- Spring scale crawler spray
- Summer scale crawler spray
- Fall fertilization
- Proper pruning can be beneficial in the control of this disease.