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Common Cultural: Needle loss

Use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for successful plant problem management.

Biology

Conifer trees periodically shed older needles. In the early fall following a dry summer, western red cedar often dramatically shed older needles; this is known as cedar flagging. Broadleaf evergreen plants also show periodic dropping (abscission) of older leaves. This is a natural biological process and not cause for concern in most instances.

Management Options

Non-Chemical Management

Select non-chemical management options as your first choice!

Chemical Management

IMPORTANT: Visit Home and Garden Fact Sheets for more information on using pesticides

None recommended

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Images



*~ Caption: Pine natural needle drop
~ Photo by: R. Maleike*



*~ Caption: Cedar flagging
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*~ Caption: Cedar flagging close-up
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