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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  
~ Photo by: R.S. Byther



~ Caption: Cedar flagging close-up  
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