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## ***Common Insects & Mites : Fall webworm***

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

### ***Biology***

Fall webworm caterpillars feed on the foliage of a variety of trees and shrubs. Conspicuously hairy, they appear rusty tan with a dark, almost black, body color. Some populations have a lighter tan color phase. Large tents of this late-season pest become noticeable in late summer and early fall. Caterpillars are particularly fond of alder, cottonwood, walnut, and apple. They sometimes feed on apple fruit as well as foliage.

### ***Management Options***

#### **Non-Chemical Management**

~ Prune out and destroy caterpillar tents.

*Select non-chemical management options as your first choice!*

#### **Chemical Management**

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

Pesticide applications are generally not recommended. If you choose to make an application, make certain that the pesticide applied is registered for the host and effective against the pest. Homeowners should not make foliar applications to trees over 10 ft tall. Consult a commercial pesticide applicator for treatment of trees and shrubs over 10 ft. tall.

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*Images*



~ Caption: *Fall webworm*  
~ Photo by: *S.J. Collman*



~ Caption: *Fall webworm tent on apple*  
~ Photo by: *R.S. Byther*