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## ***Common Insects & Mites : Sapsucker damage***

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

### ***Biology***

Rows of horizontally oriented holes in trunks and branches of various types of trees are typical feeding sites for sapsuckers (woodpeckers). Mild to moderate damage usually has little long-term impact on the health of the tree. Severe damage may weaken trees, making them more susceptible to wind damage. For more information, see WSU Publication

[FS057E Recognizing Sapsucker Damage on Your Trees](http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/FS057E/FS057E.pdf).

### ***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: Sapsucker damage on birch  
~ Photo by: C.R. Foss



~ Caption: Sapsucker damage on pine  
~ Photo by: R.S. Byther



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