

MAGNOLIA SCALE ON MAGNOLIAS

Magnolia Scale are active in early spring and in the middle of August. The scale is underneath the white powdery shell. The black substance on the leaves is their frass (insect excrement) which attracts bees and ants. Magnolia scale can be controlled with a multiple step process.

If you do NOT take these steps to control the infestation, it will kill your tree.

A soil drench of *Bonide Tree & Shrub Insect Control* or *Bayer Tree & Shrub Protect and Feed* needs to be applied once a year, preferably in spring.

Dormant Oil should be applied early in the spring before any flowers or foliage appears. If you have a severe infestation use Dormant Oil in the fall as well.

Systemic Insecticide should be used as a foliar spray in spring. The first application would be done around the time yellow forsythia bloom.

The second application would be two weeks later or after the Magnolia is done flowering.



Systemic Insecticide should be applied twice again in August; once in mid-August and again two weeks later. If you follow these steps, control of Magnolia scale is easily accomplished.

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