



Ips Bark Beetle

Symptoms:

Preventive sprays are the solution to preventing bark beetles from killing your spruce and pine trees.

The Ips beetle begins by infesting the top of trees. Thousands of beetles will infest a tree, killing it rapidly within one season. The beetle feeding in the wood will cause total disruption of water flow to the needles causing them to dry-out.

Spruce needles drop off green while pine needles fade to brown. This all will happen without warning and once discovered there is no treatment to save the tree.

Treatment:

Swingle recommends that spruce trees should be sprayed two times each year, once in the spring and once in the summer. Pine trees should be sprayed at least once in the spring.

Multiple generations of beetles fly between trees beginning in March and occur through October.

In order to protect your tree(s) our spray must reach the very top of the trunk. In most cases this will entail a high pressure spray application. Many spruce and pine trees are located near property lines or in tight locations. Both you and your neighbors must accept that the spray drift will migrate and deposit on other plants and objects in your yards. There might be trees that we cannot treat due to safety concerns.

Even when our rigorous recommendations are followed, we cannot guarantee that your trees will be free from infestation. However, this is the very best protection that the industry can offer.



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