



Did Your Viburnums Look Like This Last Year?

Viburnum leaf beetle, a European beetle, has found its way to our area. Repeated defoliation of shrubs can weaken or even kill the plant. We have seen some severe infestations.

It's important to understand the life cycle before taking control measures. The beetle overwinters as an egg mass on the twigs of your shrubs.

Inspect your plants in late winter or early spring for eggs. Prune out and destroy infested twigs before egg hatch. Dormant oil can be applied before bud swell to smother the egg masses. Once the larvae are hatched and feeding, it is generally too late for control measures. This is one bug you need to get before it hatches.

Here is a link to photos of eggs: <http://www.hort.cornell.edu/vb/eggs.html>

Here is a link to photos of larvae: <http://www.hort.cornell.edu/vb/larvae.html>

If you would like us to inspect your shrubs for egg masses and spray horticultural oil if necessary, please let us know by [filling out the form available here](#).

We can not guarantee to completely eradicate the beetle, but taking action this spring can reduce the population and reduce severity of damage. Let us know if we can help.

Nursery Opening for the Season April 1

Seven Reasons to Shop at Edge of the Woods Native Plant Nursery

1. All plants are nursery propagated. We do not deplete natural populations by collecting from the wild.
2. Our staff is highly educated and knowledgeable. We know native plants and their life cycles. We've worked with native plants for many years. We know how important they are to ecological diversity and to the ecosystem.
3. The nursery has accurate and informative signage and literature to help you learn about native plants.
4. We focus on the roots of the plant. Leaves come and go; Strong roots are needed for good establishment.
5. We offer genetically diverse crops, and local genotypes whenever possible.
6. We do not use artificial growth hormones.
7. We use a minimal amount of pesticides. Our plants may have leaves that have been eaten --this means they are doing their job in the ecosystem.

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