How to Prevent Scale Insects

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Learn How to Make Your Plants Unfriendly to Scale Insects

No one wants to find scale insects taking over their yard, so what can you do to keep them away in the first place? This page provides some ideas to help you make your garden or ornamental plants less welcoming to these tiny pests.

Treat Plants with an Insecticide Root Drench



Most scale insects have a preferred type of host plant that they will attach themselves to and feed off of for the rest of their lives. If you know that scale pests are common to such a plant on your property, applying a systemic root drench of an appropriate insecticide can offer significant protection against future infestation by sneaky scale insects of the same type.



Safari 20SG Systemic Insecticide with Dinotefuran
$140.96
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Separate Plants that May Host Scale Insects

It may not always be practical with shrubs and ornamentals used as landscaping elements that could suffer from scale infestation, but in the case of potted plants or smaller ornamentals that can be moved, giving potential host plants some space away from other plants on your property can help to minimize the spread of scale insects.

Carefully prune away any branches that appear to be fully infested if other treatments have not worked to reduce scale insect presence on these plants. Be sure to dispose of any such clippings immediately, and do not use these pieces for compost.

Thanks for reading our Scale Insects Guide! If you are not sure if you have scale, our guide on scale insects in the United States will help you make a positive identification. OurScale Inspection Guide will help you examine your plants for these hard-to-spot pests, and how to get rid of scale insectscovers our recommended treatment options.

If you have any further questions about scale insects or the products mentioned in this guide, give our customer

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