



BLACK KNOT

Black Knot is a serious disease of plums and cherries and is common throughout the United States. Caused by a fungus, it is characterized by dark, knot-like swellings on twigs, branches, fruit spurs and trunks. It becomes more serious each season, and if left untreated will eventually stunt or kill the infected tree.

Control the disease by pruning and burning all infected wood in late winter or early spring and immediately as new knots are noticed. Make cuts 4 to 8 inches below the swellings and sterilize pruning equipment with a 10% bleach solution between cuts.

Apply a copper-based fungicide such as Hi-Yield Bordeaux Mix in the spring at pink bud stage, petal-fall, and at 2-week intervals until mid-June.