

Fire Blight Alert

Over the past few weeks we've noticed an outbreak of fire blight. Fire blight is a bacterial disease that is attacking pear and apple trees, as well as some crab apple varieties. Our spring/summer weather conditions have been very conducive to the development of these bacteria. If you notice the leaves at the tips of your apple or pear giving a shriveled or burnt appearance as if someone took a blow torch to them, that twig or branch should be trimmed out as soon as possible. Follow the branch back to its point of attachment, below the visible infection and cut, being careful to not harm the branch collar. Be sure to clean shears between pruning cuts with a 10% bleach solution, Lysol disinfectant, or 70% alcohol solution. Hopefully the pruning will contain damage to your tree, but continue monitoring throughout summer. If the problem persists or you would like a treatment estimate feel free to email us at office@rangerservicesinc.com or call (920) 731-3511.

