



Johnson's Garden Talk

Lawn and garden information for the friends and customers of Johnson's Garden Centers

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Garden Tips

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Cedar Apple Rust

"What are those slimy, orange, ugly, golf-ball sized objects hanging from my juniper tree?" This question is a frequent one at this time of the year, after we've had some rain.

Cedar Apple Rust is a fungus that attacks both evergreens (cedar and juniper) and deciduous trees (apple, crabapple and hawthorn). This fungus is transferred between the two host species.

At this time of year, spores of the fungus leave the juniper trees then attach and grow on the apple, crabapple, and hawthorn trees. These trees develop small rust spots which can eventually defoliate the trees.

Control is obtained by spraying crabapple and hawthorn trees now with ferti•lome Systemic Fungicide. Spray edible apple trees with Hi-Yield Bordeaux. To control Cedar Apple Rust on junipers and cedars, spray with ferti•lome Systemic Fungicide during the summer months.

Extra Garden Produce

PAR or Plant a Row for the Hungry is a program started by the Garden Writers' Association of America. This program encourages gardeners to plant an extra row of vegetables to donate to the local food bank. We all usually have extra produce in our gardens which can be given to the food bank. Starting May 1, bring your fresh produce to any Johnson's location to be picked up by the Kansas Foodbank Warehouse.

Root Stimulator

To get your transplants off to a fast start be sure to use ferti•lome Root Stimulator to develop a good root system. The initial boost of fertilizer will benefit the plant all season long. University research has found that yields can be increased by over 50% with just one application of a high phosphorus fertilizer such as ferti•lome Root Stimulator or ferti•lome Blooming & Rooting which contains 59% phosphorus!