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How to Get Your Apples to "Apple-y Ever After"

I don't know about you, but its been a tough go of it for my apples. If it wasn't the Japanese Beetles attacking, it was the high heat that prevented me from getting to spray for fungus issues. Then if it wasn't the fungus, it was _____. Why the blank? To be quite honest, I am not sure what made the rest of the apples fall from the tree. So with a bit of research, I have found a few scenarios that can cause premature fruit drop. Hopefully with a few minor tweaks you can get to enjoy the "fruits" of your labor.

Possible solutions:

The tree is overloaded and was naturally thinning the load. To help your fruit be as large as possible we suggest thinning your apples to one every six inches. This natural drop process is called "June Drop," and typically occurs.... in JUNE! Interesting enough, if your tree sets one out of every twenty flowers to fruit that is considered a full crop. A cool wet spring can also cause more June Drop than a regular season.

If your tree seems to be losing fruit at an alarming rate, a light pruning to allow more sunlight to the middle of the tree may help slow the process. Don't go crazy though, as losing too many leaves mid-season removes the ability for the tree to make food. Michigan State University suggest a ration of 20:1. 20 leaves to 1 fruit.

If your fruit began to drop during our hot dry July month, water your trees next summer and fertilize beginning in the spring.

Speaking of fertilizing. How about soil condition? Have you recently fertilized your lawn? Excessive Nitrogen cause a boost in leaf development, but a drop in fruit. Low magnesium, high potassium, and high boron can also cause a heavy drop.

Bugs and fungus also cause undue stress on the trees. Neem Oil is a wonder product for fruit trees. Treat your tree prior to bud break to suppress fungal spores and overwintered eggs on the trees. Continue treatment every 14 days until the exposure to disease has passed. Do not use during the heat of the day to prevent potential burn and un-necessary exposure to the bees.

Prone to Fruit Drop:

Gravenstein, Honeycrisp, Lodi, Golden Delicious, Gravenstein, Liberty, McIntosh, Spartan, Red Delicious

Less Prone to Fruit Drop:

Late Season Garden To-Do

- Great time to plant all trees, shrubs, and perennials
- Seed any dead patches in the lawn
- Dig up herbs to save and re-pot for indoor use throughout the winter
- Gather and save seed heads

from
your
favorite
annuals
such
as
Marigolds
and
Zinnias

- **Mark
your
calendar
for
spring
treatments
of
products
such
as
pre-
emergents,
fungus
and
disease
prevention**
- Make
a
list
of
your
favorite
and
best
performing
annuals
from
the
year
- Be
sure
to
include

a
list
of
your
least
favorite
too.
Sometimes
those
blooms
can
be
hard
to
resist
in
May,
but
if
they
didn't
do
well
for
you
all
season,
just
say
no.

- Bearded
Iris,
Daylily,
and
many
other
perennials
can
be
divided
in
late

September

- Once you have cleaned off debris add compost to improve soil structure for next season
- Rake away and destroy infected plant debris to prevent the spread next season

Next Spring, Smash Sedge

If you are battling the nasty plant named Sedge, take the time to set a calendar appointment right now! Mark it for mid-spring, and treat your lawn with Sedge Ender.

Sedge which is commonly referred to as Watergrass or Nutgrass had a hay day this year in many people's lawns. Sedge is actually

a small plant that spreads by nutlets or bulbs and it isn't technically classified as a grass or perennial. Confusing right?

A single plant can produce hundreds of bulbs quickly taking over your lawn. Sedge can be easily identified by the triangular shaped stem.

Sedge typically germinates a few weeks after Crabgrass in the spring. As it begins to germinate and take hold, you will want to spray your lawn. When the plant is actively growing, it will absorb and move the chemical to the bulb for the quickest kill. We don't want you to wear rose colored glasses on this bad boy, it may take a few rounds to successfully knock back this invasive species.



New and NOT Disappointing

Hello gardening friends! I certainly hope your 2019 veggie garden turned out to be everything you wanted and hoped for. My garden is done. We have pulled out all plants, and now I am busy cleaning and getting ready for next spring.

I always have customers ask me what my favorites are. I decided to jot down what not only surprised me this growing season, but

what I also truly enjoyed. This year was the first year I grew all of these veggies in my personal garden.

Forgive me, my list is long but I think worth sharing with all of you.

Here goes:

Broccoli:

Green Magic and Thunder Dome. Awesome production.

Cabbage:

Danish Ballhead and Katarina. Big to small, both super.

Lettuce:

Pablo, Beautiful loose leaf "heads" green with red tinge.

Pepper:

Ausilio, an heirloom, a little heat, great taste and production.

Mexican Sunrise, a Hungarian type, heat, tasty and many!

Paquime, a larger jalapeno with great taste and production.

Mexibell, a mid-sized bell w/heat, beautiful and lots of them.

Primo Red Habanero, beautiful red, less heat and prolific!

Majestic Red, sweet, big, beautiful. Loved it!

Excursion, big and sweet going from green to red.

Quadrato D'Asti Rosso, beautiful, sweet heirloom. Yummy!

Lipstick, another heirloom, so good, prolific w/thick walls,

Whitney, we have grown this for years. My 1st try, WOW!!

Tomato:

Cherokee Carbon, an heirloom marriage. WONDERFUL.

Artisan Tiger Mix, elongated cherry, can we say delicious??!!

Valentine, grape tomato, produces LOTS, fantastic flavor.

German Pink, heirloom, big fruit, lots of them and awesome.

Missouri Pink Love Apple, (who names these things??!!) I can't

say enough about this one, produces lots of big, very dark pink, almost red tomatoes with wonderful tomato taste, not many seeds. Bush Blue Ribbon: A patio tomato w/big fruit and flavor. Gladiator, a Roma w/great production and taste. Beautiful. Saucy Lady, a Roma that just wouldn't quit. Big and flavorful.

Flowers:

Orange Troika Nasturtium, Candy Showers Snapdragon, Sunbuzz and Bert Sunflowers and Torch Tithonia

I hope you opt to change it up a bit, and try one or two off this "Oh My", "Fantastic", "Unbelievable," and "Yes, I will definitely plant this one again" list.

Until the next time...HAPPY GARDENING!

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