

Shot Hole Disease

Shot hole disease, also known as *Coryneum* blight, is a fungal or bacterial disease that affects plum trees and other stone fruit trees, causing small, circular spots on leaves.



SYMPTOMS

Holes appear in the spring as purplish or reddish spots about 1/10 inch in diameter on new buds, leaves and shoots.

LIFECYCLE

The fungus overwinters in infected buds and twig lesions. The spores spread in splashing water.

MANAGEMENT

After leaf drop, use low-volume sprinklers, drip irrigation or sprinkler deflectors and prune off lower branches to prevent foliage getting wet from irrigation. Prune and dispose of infected plant tissue as soon as it appears.