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Sap Beetles

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University of Minnesota horticulturist Leonard Hertz says sap beetles feed on over-ripened strawberries and raspberries.

Don't allow over-ripe fruit to accumulate on these plants.

Strawberry fruit rots often cause heavy losses to ripening and harvested fruit. The fungicide Captan effectively controls this disease. Follow recommendations in the "Home Fruit Spray Guide." This publication is available from local county extension offices and the Bulletin Room, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101.

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Apple Maggots

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July is apple maggot time. Several good sprays are available, including Sevin and Diazinon.

Horticulturist Leonard Hertz recommends applying the sprays at seven to 10-day intervals. During some seasons the maggot flies persist and lay eggs up to frost or harvest. Non-bearing as well as bearing fruit trees need protection from insect and disease.

Fruiting could be delayed one or more years if they are severely damaged.

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Raspberries

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Keep your raspberries cultivated until harvest time. Weeds and raspberry suckers compete for moisture and nutrients. This competition often restricts new cane growth and berry size.

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