

# Fire Blight



Fire blight is a bacterial disease that spreads naturally by rain, wind, birds, and insects from one plant to another.

Fire blight is a potentially fatal disease that can enter fresh pruning wounds during misty or rainy weather. For this reason, it is important to prune all apples and pears in winter. A combination of good pruning technique and low fertilization can help control and minimize fire blight.

A few apples trees that are most resistant include Haralson, Liberty, and Chestnut Crab.

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*For more information, see "Fireblight"*  
[www1.extension.umn.edu/garden/yard-garden/fruit/apple-pest-management/fire-blight/](http://www1.extension.umn.edu/garden/yard-garden/fruit/apple-pest-management/fire-blight/)

*For more on best pruning practices, see*  
<http://www.GleanMilwaukee.org/classes-resources/pruning/>

