

**The following information was obtained by the committee (2023)
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FLOWERING PEAR TREE PROBLEMS/SOLUTIONS

Information:

- 1. Any flowering fruit tree is susceptible to blight. Fire blight spreads especially when the tree is in bloom. Too much nitrogen, heavy pruning, and over irrigation all encourage the spread of blight. Water splashing onto the blossoms spreads the disease. Tools used to prune a tree with blight should not be used on healthy trees until they have been cleaned.**
- 2. Pear trees should be sprayed to prevent blight just prior to the buds opening. Rain or hail may require a respray.**

***Diseased and dead trees need to be removed by owner. The blight pathogen winters in cracks, ready to spread the next spring.**

***Larry Larson is willing to cut down and cut up diseased trees for free. (He has a chainsaw and has felled many trees.)**

***The landscaping committee recommends that any tree may be replaced with a small or mid-sized tree that is, hopefully, blight resistant. Here are some good possibilities:**

Small trees: Royal Raindrops Crabapple, Cockspur Hawthorn, Japanese Tree Lilac, Hotwings Maple

Medium Trees: Spring Snow Crabapple, Emerald Sunshine Elm, Norwegian Sunset Maple, Urban Sunset Maple, Thundercloud Plum