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CITY STARTS HACKBERRY APHID CONTROL PROGRAM

The City of Chico's pest control contractor will begin applying MERIT insecticide during the month of March to control Asian wooly hackberry aphid infestations on the hackberry trees located along the City streets. The honey dew from these insects creates a sticky residue on the sidewalk and other hardscape areas.

The insecticide is applied using a soil injection technique. The roots of the trees will absorb the insecticide over the spring months. This will provide aphid control during the rest of the growing season when the aphid is active. MERIT is the most effective and safest means of controlling the aphid available at this time.

Please contact Urban Forest Manager Denice Britton at 896-7802 or dbritton@ci.chico.ca.us, for more information regarding the City's MERIT injection program.

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