

## PEACH LEAF CURL

Peach Leaf Curl is a disease which affects not only peaches but also apricots, nectarines and almonds. The leaves become distorted, blistered and turn red which if allowed to spread can seriously sap the energy of the plant.

With the plants in leaf there is no way of controlling the disease short of picking off affected leaves and burning them. The time to control the disease is from leaf fall in the autumn until leaf break in the spring.

At leaf fall pick up all leaves from below the tree and dispose of them in the dustbin or by burning.

Spray the whole plant with Murphy Traditional Copper Fungicide and then cover the tree for the winter with polythene or horticultural fleece to keep off the worst of the wind and rain. If the peach is against a wall then a frame can be constructed to make this easier.

At leaf bud break in the spring drench the tree once again with Murphy Traditional Copper Fungicide and then repeat after the flowers have fallen.

Control in one season may not be total but will be achieved if the treatment is repeated.