

CHEMICAL DAMAGE TO CONIFERS

DuPont's new product for broadleaf weed control, Imprelis, is believed to be the cause of problems with conifers across Kansas City and the United States. Not apparent until several weeks after spraying, the early signs of damage include yellowing, wilting, and distorted new growth.



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DuPont advises, "When applying Imprelis, be careful that no spray treatment, drift or runoff occurs that could make contact with trees, shrubs and other desirable plants, and stay well away from exposed roots and the rootzone of trees and shrubs."

Tree trimming companies with chips from damaged plant material should contact CS Carey, 913-432-4877, for information on proper disposal.

Sources for more information on conifers and Imprelis:

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