



# ARBORSCAPES

Tree Management • Plant Health Care  
Construction Preservation

## Armored Scale

Armored scale insects have flat, plate-like covers that shield the insect body. Unlike soft scale insects, armored scale do not produce honeydew. Most species of armored scale insects have several generations a year, and spend their lives feeding in the same spot. When in abundance they can weaken and slow the growth of a plant and in its weakened state, the plant becomes susceptible to other insects and diseases.

Infested plants may appear water stressed, and their leaves may yellow and drop prematurely. Parts of the plant that remain heavily infested may die. Treatment options for eliminating armored scale insects include both foliar sprays and systemic injections.

