



# ARBORSCAPES

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## Mites

Mites are a barely visible foe to your trees and shrubs that not only cause serious decline in the health of your plants from feeding, but can also transmit diseases between plants as well. Mites pierce the plant's cells and feed on the moisture produced inside. This can cause speckling or yellow spots on plant foliage, which is a classic indication of mite activity. Some species of mites also produce webbing, which can also be a tell-tale sign of an infestation.

Because mites can reproduce very quickly, their populations can reach damaging levels relatively fast, making treatment a necessity in order to avoid widespread contamination. Treatments for mites in a foliar spray can be applied to infested plants or shrubs.



Left: Stippling on Boxwood leaves as a result of mite feeding.



Right: Webbing created by spider mites on Boxwood