

Pomegranate borer – no more a problem



**Bagging- an
easy way to
control
pomegranate
borer**



How to cover Pomegranate fruit with Bag

The best time for the fruit to be covered

The best time to cover the fruit is at 2 cherry size (which is usually 1 cm in diameter). See the picture as shown

Please note that unfertilized or already infested pomegranate smaller than this size will automatically fall down from the tree. It is better to collect and burn them. It will reduce the multiplication of the insect



Use of plastic bag , paper bags or cloth bags

All type of bags either paper, cloth and plastic bags can be used to cover the pomegranate fruit. While cloth bag is little expensive, it can last for 4-5 years, Plastic bag is very cheap and is available at every corner of the village. While using plastic bag, make 3-4 tiny holes in the bag so that when the air inside the bag gets hotter can escape easily without affecting the fruit. Similarly, you can use paper bag which is also cheaper and available in everywhere.



Attractive size and color

It needs to be mentioned that bagging does not affect the size, colour and taste of the bagged fruit. It rather increases the colour of the fruit, protecting from direct sun light, other insect attack and dust.



Chemical pesticides are still useless

According to research findings, no insecticides have yet been found effective to control this insect. Application of chemical insecticides rather poisons the pomegranate, which is harmful for health.