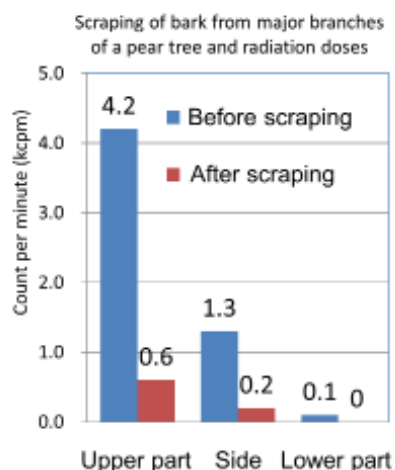


Wash off radioactive cesium adhering to trees with high-pressure water and scrape away bark to reduce radioactive cesium concentrations

**High-pressure washing
of a persimmon tree**



**Scraping of bark from a
pear tree**



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In order to prevent translocation of radioactive materials from fruit trees to fruits, trees are washed with high-pressure water and bark is scraped off from trees to remove adhering radioactive materials.

In the case of pear trees, there is data that radiation doses from major branches are reduced by nearly 90% by scraping off the bark.
(Related to p.178 of Vol. 1, "Transfer to Plants")

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