The Young Men's Business club has set a tentative time for the spraying of azaleas along Lafayette's famed Azalea Trail.

The YMBC committee, headed by Gordon Hamner, has announced that spraying will take place over a two week period in the middle of blooming season. The committee decided at its last meeting to limit spraying operations to the middle period when the blooming plants are at their height.

H. K. Riley Southwestern Louisiana Institute horticulturist, who serves as technical advisor to the committee, has pointed out that it would be impractical to attempt to protect all early, mid-season and late varieties.

Horticulturist Riley and the committee are emphatic in pointing out that the chemical to be used is not a cure. It is a protective. It is necessary to coat each flower with the spray material as it opens into bloom. This prevents infection by the blight organism. Attempting to protect all plants would require a program covering several weeks, and would be such an extensive operation as to be impossible on any scale other than individual owner care.

During the two week spraying period, an attempt will be made to spray each plant at least once every three days. This will mean four or five applications to each plant during the spraying period.

Most of the plants on the trail are the mid-season variety, and such a spraying as that outlined by the committee should give adequate protection to them.

This civic project of enhancing the beauty and value of Lafayette's famed Azalea Trail is being sponsored by the YMBC, the Lafayette Garden club, and other civic groups.

Funds for the project are being donated by property owners along the Trail, filling station operators, restaurants and other businesses which are most likely to profit from the annual swell of visitors who come here to see the Trail. Most of the expenses involved are for purchase of chemicals and for the labor of spraying machine operators.

YMBC members are now contacting property owners along the Trail for donations, and for permission to spray their plants.