

Making a Burlap Barrier Band Trap

Once Spongy Moth caterpillars grow to about an inch (2.5 cm) in length by mid-June, they will move down the trunk to seek shelter from predators and heat. You can take advantage of this behavior by making a burlap barrier band trap to reduce the number of larvae on the trees in your yard.

1. Wrap and secure a piece of burlap cloth around the stem(s) of your tree.
2. Tie twine/rope around the center or slightly below the center of the burlap.
3. Drape the burlap cloth over the twine/rope so there is an overhang where the caterpillars can crawl underneath to seek shelter during the day.
4. Check the trap by lifting the overhanging burlap cloth every afternoon and collect any hiding caterpillars and destroy them.

