

## Burlap Band Trap Instructions

## Managing LDD Moths

Once Lymantria dispar dispar (LDD) 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.





## Step 1

Wrap and secure a piece of burlap cloth around the stem(s) of the tree. A large diameter tree may require the use of two overlapping burlap sheets



Step 2

Tie a piece of twine around the center, or slightly below, of the burlap.



Step 3

Drape the cloth over the twine so there is an overhang where caterpillars can crawl under to seek shelter during the day.



Step 4

Check the trap by lifting the overhanging burlap cloth every afternoon. Remove and dispose of any hiding caterpillars by placing them in a bucket of soapy water.

Direct skin contact with LDD caterpillars may cause skin irritation. When removing caterpillars, use gloves and avoid direct contact.

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