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What you can do to help protect your trees

Burlapping

In the heat of the day caterpillars will seek shelter. By placing a burlap skirt around a tree, you will provide a place for caterpillars to hide and you will also be able to reach the caterpillars and pupae (commonly referred to as a cocoon). Check under the burlap skirt every day and pick off the caterpillars with gloves. Place them into a container of soapy water and leave the container for a day or two, dispose of water accordingly. Install the burlap in late May (or weather depending, when you see caterpillars start to crawl around on the tree?) and leave till mid-August.

Follow this four step process to burlap trees:



1) Place burlap around the tree



2) Tie a rope in the middle of the tree



3) Fold the burlap over the string



4) Check under the burlap every day and dispose of caterpillars