

## Burlap Banding – Step By Step

1. **Measure Tree:** Measure tree diameter to properly size burlap banding.



2. **Cut burlap to size:** Roll out the burlap on the ground and measure the length to match the size of tree diameter. Add a few inches (for future tucking / securing) and cut the burlap.



- 3. Wrap and tuck the burlap:** Wrap the burlap around the trunk / stem of the tree. As you are wrapping, use pieces of the bark to help secure it in place (so it won't fall down). Once you have wrapped the tree, use the extra inches to tuck the burlap snug against the tree, ensuring it will stay in place when you tie the twine.



- 4. Secure the twine:** Tie twine or rope around the center, or slightly below the center of the burlap. Ensure the string is tightly secured around the trunk.



5. **Drape burlap:** Gently tug at the burlap in order to drape the cloth over the twine or rope. It should overhang the other half of the burlap. Use your hands to gently “fluff” the burlap, so the upper layer is not resting on the lower layer. This is to ensure the caterpillars get stuck under the burlap, and are unable to travel over it, back into the trees canopy.



## Checking traps / Removing caterpillars:

1. **Check the trap, remove caterpillars:** Gently lift the overhanging burlap cloth, and collect any hiding caterpillars. You can use a brush and dust pan for this. We also recommend wearing gloves, long sleeves, and a hat for protection.



2. **Place Caterpillars into a soapy solution** (dish soap and water). Leave the caterpillars in the solution until they have died (OR for 2 to 3 days) and then dispose of the contents.

