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Preparing For The Tree Worm Problem

Action Homeowners Can Take

Over the past few years, the City, especially the West Hill area, has seen an outbreak of worms that have infested the trees. These Leafrollers and Loopers have been known to defoliate the trees and spin silky threads when they drop to the ground. The month of June and early July is the peak time frame for the infestation to occur.

The trees can recover from the defoliation for several years without severely affecting the trees health. The silky strands eventually disappear but are a huge nuisance during this cycle.

The City does not spray to control these pests. If homeowners would like to spray the trees that they want to protect, a good biological control product is Bacillus Thuringiensis (BT). This should be applied as soon as damage to the leaves appears. Always read and follow label directions and remember that the pesticide applicator is legally responsible for proper use.

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