Horticulture

BAGWORMS, IT’S STILL TOO EARLY TO SPRAY

Timing is critical in many things, including controlling bagworms. If you only see a few bags, and you can reach them, now would be a good time to pick them off and destroy them. Large populations of bagworms can make handpicking impractical. In such cases, spraying is recommended. Bagworms only have one generation a year, and this makes controlling them a lot easier for us. Their eggs will be completely hatched and out of the bag by June 10th, so we target our sprays for the last three weeks of June and even into the first week of July. Along with timing, thorough coverage is the other key to successful bagworm control. You must penetrate the canopy of the trees and shrubs you are spraying in order to impact the entire infestation. This requires a fairly powerful, directed spray for evergreen trees and shrubs such as Red Cedars and other junipers. As far as what to spray, anything that is labeled for use as bagworm control will do a good job. Our top recommendation these days is ‘Spinosad’, a relatively safe and effective control that stops bagworms in their tracks. One of the formulations of Spinosad that can be found on the shelves of local nurseries and garden centers is ‘Captain Jack’s Dead Bug Brew’. Please wait until June before you spray or you will probably need to re-apply later in the summer.

Agriculture

Working in Agriculture often times is a rewarding lifestyle, but in today’s climate of low profits and a deflated agriculture economy it can be challenging. No one understands this better than other farm families who also work in Agriculture. The Extension offices in Greenwood, Butler, and the Rolling Prairie Extension District are offering an opportunity for Women involved in agriculture to come together virtually and discuss their struggles and learn some short lessons that could be of assistance to them during this time. If you would like to be a part of these Local Women in Agriculture Small Groups, please go to this link and complete the form, so we can set dates and times that work best.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdxaczuZEm6HpXAcUJi9cpDFxoMQ8v73aUnYZznfaOQjw/viewform

*While this program will be geared towards women in agriculture we encourage anyone to attend.*

Family Consumer Sciences

Each of us is affected by COVID-19 -- as individuals and families, as friends and as communities. Maybe you’re stuck at home in a "new" workplace, you’re trying to teach the kids, keep meals on the table, and balance a changing budget.

Our hope is that you can find a quiet moment that brings you relief from stress and worry and brightens your day. If you’re looking for some ideas on managing family stress, check out this link: https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3506.pdf

4-H & Youth Development

Your child is suddenly in charge?! K-State Research and Extension is here to help you and others be safe and healthy. Suddenly in Charge is designed to help teens and tweens with their roles in taking care of younger children. Suddenly in Charge offers guidance in safety when staying home alone, and activity guides on creating fire escape plans, calm down jars, craft ideas, kids recipes for cooking at home, and more! In addition, you will also find resources for parents as well as a newsletter you can sign up for.

For more information, visit this website: https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/families/suddenly-in-charge/

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