

Bug Barrier Tree Banding – Tricks of the trade:

Some of us have a hard time with Squirrels in our area taking the fiber from the tree for nesting material. Here are a few suggestions when banding:



We have noticed that if you place only one layer of fiber verses two layers, Bug Barrier will hug the tree closer which limits the space underneath. By limiting the space, it makes it harder for the squirrels to place their paw under there to pull out the fiber.



We have found that if we place a staple in the groove verses placing extra fiber in groove (as labeled), it not only secures the fiber to the tree, it prevents vacant spots in these areas as well as stops the additional fiber from falling out of the vacant spaces which can occur if there is a heavy rain or just a large valley and this in turn, prevents the squirrels easy access to the fiber. Don't worry about the staple damaging the tree. The staple only penetrates the outer bark not the cambium!



The final section will usually have an overlap.



As you can see by Ron's hand, the space is very limited under the sticky wrap when you only place one band of fiber. On trees with heavy valleys (especially Oaks), the double layer of fiber makes easy access.

Let's not make it easy for our furry little friends



A lot of people tend to stop here as shown on photo on the left. There is a very important final step which is the top wrap as shown on photo to the right!



This final process is very important for a couple of reasons...

1. It secures the Bug Barrier from the top which prevents the squirrels from pulling the white fiber from the top of the band
2. It helps to keep rain from weighing down the white fiber which can cause the band to fall or drop or sag
3. The top wrap actually evens out the wrapping job and makes it all really secure