



Time of Year	Browntail Activity	Mitigation Measures
October through March	Caterpillars spend winter in webs	Clip and destroy webs; plan and line up treatments
April through June	Caterpillars feed, molt several times, wander late-May to June	Insecticide treatments should take effect before June to reduce impacts from hairs and to trees and shrubs
June	Caterpillars wander, pupate	Avoid contact with caterpillars and pupae. Both have irritating hairs
July through August	Moths fly, mate, lay eggs	Limit use of outdoor lights to avoid attracting moths from outside your area.
August through September	Eggs hatch, young caterpillars feed, build winter webs	Watch for feeding activity, clip webs once trees are dormant. For larger trees, it is not too early to line up management for next spring.

Most reports of human health impacts are from late-May through July. However, toxin in hairs is extremely stable (3+ yr); exposure is most likely in dry conditions. In infested areas use protective measures when conducting activities that might stir up the hairs.