



## Dear Spring, Welcome

A beautiful time of year indeed! The flowers blossom, black bears awaken with a yawn and shake, organic aromas emerge in force, love is in the air, and... wait a moment, *all my trees are getting chewed down and my yard is flooding?*

While that last bit doesn't sound ideal, such occurrences are not inevitable! Whether it's saving your grandkids' favorite tire swing tree, protecting property from beaver-induced flooding, or just looking for an explanation of why you're seeing what you're seeing, your neighbors at the Methow Beaver Project can help you address it!

**Have more time at home this spring than you were anticipating? Here are MBP's top tips for a tip-top spring:**

### Tree Protection 101 - Wrapping

Use 4 - 5 foot tall\*, 14-gauge, 4-inch-or-smaller mesh wire, placed at least 6" from tree trunk. Leave no gap between bottom of wire and the ground. It can be helpful to anchor the wire to the ground. T-posts or croquet wickets make great anchors if need be.

*\*Note: keep winter snow levels in mind when choosing height - we recommend at least 2' above snow level.*

Too many trees to wrap? Sand paint can be a good way to cover more trunks in less time - drop us a line for the recipe!

In these times of uncertainty, it's important now more than ever to be understanding and patient with each other and the world around us, including beavers just trying to make a living. We at the Methow Beaver Project are still happy to provide consultation on all things beaver, via phone or email, to promote the health of our community. In-person site visits will be on hold until further notice. With the changes we are all experiencing in day to day life, there may be response delays. We appreciate your patience, and apologize for any inconvenience.

Wishing you happiness and health,

The Methow Beaver Crew

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