

# TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR PROPERTY



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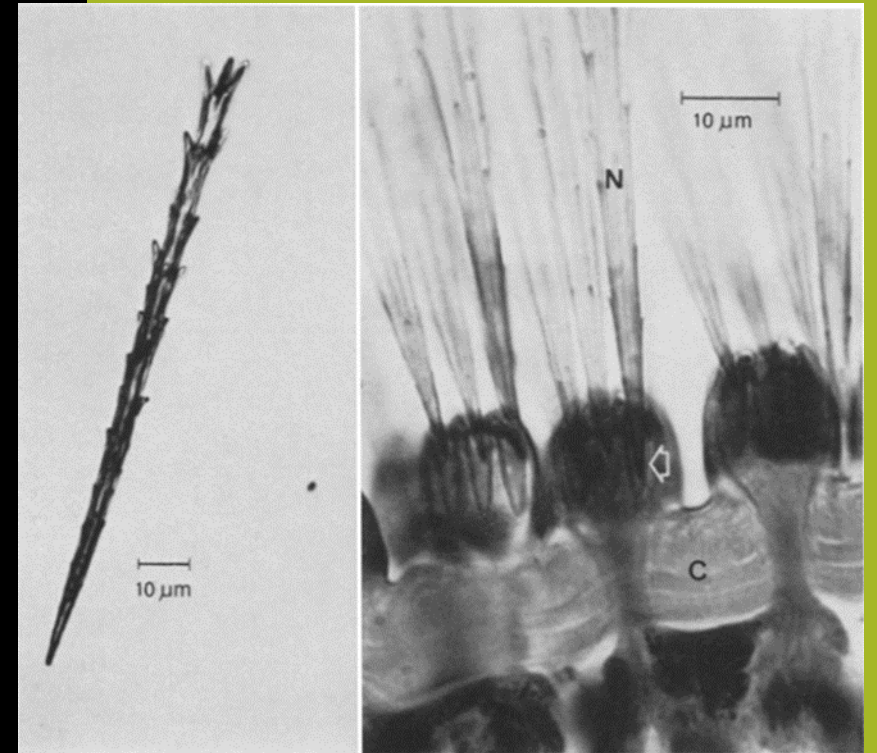
# BROWNTAIL MOTH – TOXIC HAIRS

TINY HAIRS FROM CATERPILLARS (0.15 MM (0.005 INCH) LONG) ARE LIKE HYPODERMIC NEEDLES THAT INJECT TOXINS INTO SKIN AND LUNGS.

CARRIED IN AIR, SETTLE ON GRASS, LEAVES, BRUSH, IN YARDS, ON PORCHES, UNDER BOATS, ETC.

CAN BECOME AIR-BORNE AGAIN

TOXINS LAST 1-3 YEARS IN ENVIRONMENT.



# BROWNTAIL MOTH – TOXIC HAIRS

CONTACT DERMATITIS

MOST COMMON IN LATE JUNE/JULY

CAN DEVELOP IMMEDIATELY OR AFTER A FEW  
HOURS

RASH LASTS HOURS TO DAYS

TREATMENT FOCUSED ON RELIEVING  
SYMPTOMS



**PRECAUTIONS & PERSONAL  
PROTECTION:  
AVOID CONTACT WITH HAIRS!**

**DRY LAUNDRY INSIDE!**

**FANS IN WINDOWS MUST BLOW OUT, NOT IN!**

**WASH/HOSE DOWN ALL PATIO FURNITURE  
BEFORE USE!**

**LEAFBLOWING CAN BE DANGEROUS!**

**RAKE AND LANDSCAPE ON DAMP, WET DAYS!**

