ISOMATE CTT PHEROMONE STRIPS/LOOPS
For Your Codling Moth Control Program

1. Pheromone strips are part of a control program. They do not kill or destroy the moth, they confuse the male. They are not a trap nor a perfect silver bullet! Codling moths are the adults, parents to the worm you find in your apples and pears!!!

2. Pheromone strips need to be put in or near the apple or pear tree, two per tree. If you have only one apple tree, strips should be also put in neighboring trees! Joe Sabol of the Central Coast Chapter recommends you buy 3 or 4 for one tree if it is the only tree you have. Put two in the tree and the others near the tree.

3. Hang the strip in the upper 1/3 of the tree and to the windward side of tree.

4. Pheromone strips work best in large orchards. Small orchards probably need more per tree!!

5. Apply within one week of 90% petal fall. Southern CA growers may need 2 applications due to the length of our season. This is especially critical for late-maturing apples. Open the strip up to make it into a loop, then hang it on the tree. Directions are available on the PacificBiocontrol website to make a hanging device that you may find helpful.

6. Pheromone strips should be kept very cold until you hang them in the tree. Keep in the freezer if possible.

7. Please wear gloves when handling these loops. Wash hands thoroughly after hanging. No maintenance is required. They are not affected by rain or overhead sprinklers. They are NOT toxic to bees or beneficial insects.

8. The first year you probably will not notice much improvement, since the moth hatches out from previous year’s eggs. But each subsequent year, there should be fewer and fewer codling moths.

9. Strips will be available at the general meeting on January 17 on a first come, first served basis. If any remain, they will be sold at the Scion Wood Exchange on January 19. Cost will be $.75 each. Please know how many you want and have exact change.

NOTE: the manufacturer Pacific Biocontrol does NOT recommend these for small holdings, but the Central Coast Chapter has used them for several years and is convinced that they are very instrumental in helping control codling moths.