
Use Of "Wick" Suggested To Preserve Untreated Poles

(Taken from Living Off the Land, April 1982. Joy Horton in Loja, Ecuador wraps posts and poles to several inches above the expected ground level with burlap or newspaper soaked with a mixture of used motor oil and creosote. The wrapped post is then placed in a hole and more of the mixture poured onto the wick. Further treatments are applied twice yearly to the part of the wick that remains above ground. She does not recommend this method for garden stakes or trellises, as the mixture is toxic to plants.

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