IT'S THE LAW: BEFORE MOVING, CHECK FOR THE GYPSY MOTH

What Does the Law Require?

If you are moving from a gypsy moth quarantine area to a non-quarantine area, you must inspect your outdoor household items for the gypsy moth and remove all life stages of this destructive insect before you move. You and your moving company may face penalties if you are required to inspect but fail to do so. Fortunately, this inspection is easy to do, and you will protect your new neighborhood from a voracious leaf eater that can attack 300 kinds of trees and shrubs.

How Do I Know if I Live in a Gypsy Moth Quarantine Area?

Visit **www.YourMoveGypsyMothFree.com** and click on the U.S. map to find out if you live in a quarantine area. If you do, you will need to inspect your household goods for gypsy moth if you're moving to a non-quarantine area. If you do not live in a quarantine area, this law does not apply to you.

I Live in a Quarantine Area and Am Moving to a Non-Quarantine Area. How Do I Meet This Legal Requirement?

1) Use the self-inspection checklist on the back of this flyer or hire a qualified certified applicator to inspect your outdoor household articles. If you are moving between April and August, you should complete the inspection on moving day, if possible. If you cannot complete the inspection on moving day, you must protect the items from the possibility of infestation by sealing them under a tarp or keeping them indoors or in a closed moving truck.

For self-inspection, follow these steps:

- Carefully inspect all surfaces and crevices of your outdoor household articles such as patio furniture, lawn equipment, toys, grills, trailers, and vehicles for gypsy moth egg masses.
- Remove and destroy any egg masses you find. Scrape them off with a putty knife, stiff brush, or similar hand tool. Dispose of egg masses and other life stages in a container of hot, soapy water, or place them in a plastic bag, seal it, and set it in the sun.
- Check each item off on your checklist as you go, and complete the requested information.

If a qualified certified applicator performs the inspection, be sure you get a copy of the completed, signed checklist.

2) During your move, keep a copy of the completed checklist in the vehicle moving the goods in case a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) or State official requests it at any point during your trip. If you are not driving, provide a copy to the driver. This completed checklist is an official certificate that will satisfy the requirements of all non-infested States.

3) Once your move is completed, you may want to keep the checklist filed with your moving materials for at least 5 years in case you need it in the future.

Where Do I Go For Help?

- See the back of this flyer for photos of all gypsy moth life stages.
- Learn more at **www.YourMoveGypsyMothFree.com.**
- Contact your State department of agriculture or nearest USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) office **(www.aphis.usda.gov/planthealth/sphd).**

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GYPSY MOTH CHECKLIST AND RECORD OF YOUR SELF-INSPECTION

Important: Make sure this checklist goes with your outdoor household items when you move.

1. Originating Property Address

2. Date

3. Recreational or Camping Items

- ☐ Backpacks
- ☐ Basketball backboards
- ☐ Bicycles
- ☐ Boats
- ☐ Boat trailers
- ☐ Campers
- ☐ Ice chests
- ☐ Motorcycles
- ☐ Motor homes
- ☐ Recreational vehicles
- ☐ Snowmobiles
- ☐ Sports equipment
- ☐ Tarps
- ☐ Tents
- ☐ Waders or boots
- ☐ Other: _____

4. Household Items

- ☐ Air conditioners
- ☐ Barrels
- ☐ Cardboard and wooden boxes
- ☐ Clothesline poles
- ☐ Clothespin bags
- ☐ Empty plant containers
- ☐ Firewood*
- ☐ House plants (taken outside during the summer)
- ☐ Ladders
- ☐ Outdoor doormats
- ☐ Outdoor thermometers
- ☐ Refrigerators
- ☐ Sheets of plastic
- ☐ Shutters
- ☐ Storage sheds
- ☐ Storm/screen doors and windows
- ☐ Tanks for propane and oil
- ☐ Television antennas
- ☐ Trash cans
- ☐ Washing machines
- ☐ Water hoses
- ☐ Weather vanes
- ☐ Window awnings
- ☐ Other: _____

5. Building Materials

- ☐ Bricks
- ☐ Cement mixing tubs
- ☐ Cinder blocks
- ☐ Lumber
- ☐ Roofing materials
- ☐ Sewer pipes
- ☐ Tools and toolboxes
- ☐ Water pipes
- ☐ Welding equipment
- ☐ Workbenches
- ☐ Other: _____

6. Yard and Garden Items

- ☐ Animal houses (doghouses, rabbit hutches, etc.)
- ☐ Barbecue grills
- ☐ Birdbaths
- ☐ Bird feeders
- ☐ Bird houses
- ☐ Bug lights
- ☐ Carts
- ☐ Cold frames
- ☐ Driftwood
- ☐ Fencing
- ☐ Fertilizer spreaders
- ☐ Flagpoles
- ☐ Garden tillers
- ☐ Garden tools
- ☐ Lawnmowers
- ☐ Mailboxes
- ☐ Picnic tables
- ☐ Porch or patio furniture
- ☐ Signs and posts
- ☐ Snowblowers
- ☐ Storage sheds
- ☐ Swimming pools
- ☐ Tractors and trailers
- ☐ Trees, shrubs, and plants
- ☐ Trellises
- ☐ Wheelbarrows
- ☐ Yard decorations
- ☐ Other: _____

7. Children's Playthings

- ☐ Bicycles, tricycles
- ☐ Playhouses
- ☐ Sandboxes
- ☐ Sleds, toboggans
- ☐ Swing sets
- ☐ Tire swings
- ☐ Wagons
- ☐ Other outside toys (like trucks or sand molds)
- ☐ Other: _____

8. Other Items

- ☐ Cars or trucks
- ☐ Car parts
- ☐ Car ramps
- ☐ Farm implements
- ☐ Stored tires (snow tires)
- ☐ Other: _____

Inspect anything that was stored outside.

By typing my name in block 9 below, I agree that I am legally signing this document and affirming that I have inspected all outdoor household articles, whether included on this checklist or not, for all life stages of gypsy moth in accordance with the procedures on this form, as required by Title 7, *Code of Federal Regulations*, part 301.45-4(a).

9. Signature and Date

10. Phone Number

11. Printed Name

12. Company Name *(if applicable)*

***To avoid speading other tree pests, move only USDA- or State-certified, treated, and labeled firewood.**

Gypsy moth egg masses on a lawn mower
(USDA/APHIS, Susan Lane)

Gypsy moth egg mass on a padlock
(USDA/APHIS, Susan Lane)

Gypsy moth caterpillar (larva)
(Daniel Herms, The Ohio State University, Bugwood.org)

Gypsy moth pupae
(Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Forestry Archive, Bugwood.org)

Female (top) and male adult gypsy moths
(USDA APHIS PPQ Archive, USDA APHIS PPQ, Bugwood.org)