



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 outdoor household items 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?

 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/StateOffices).

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CHECKLIST ☑

IMPORTANT: Make sure this checklist goes with your outdoor household items when you move!

Checklist and Record of Your Self-Inspection Date: Originating property address:		
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Recreational or Camping Items	□ les electe	D.T
□ Backpacks	□ Ice chests	☐ Tarps
☐ Basketball backboards	☐ Motorcycles	☐ Tents
Bicycles	☐ Motor homes	■ Waders or boots
Boats	☐ Recreational vehicles	Other:
☐ Boat trailers	☐ Snowmobiles	
☐ Campers	□ Sports equipment	
Household Items		
☐ Air conditioners	☐ Ladders	☐ Tanks for propane and oil
□ Barrels	☐ Outdoor doormats	☐ Television antennas
☐ Cardboard and wooden boxes	☐ Outdoor thermometers	☐ Trash cans
☐ Clothesline poles	☐ Refrigerators	☐ Washing machines
•	☐ Sheets of plastic	☐ Water hoses
☐ Clothespin bags ☐ Empty plant containers	☐ Shutters	☐ Weather vanes
☐ Firewood*		
	☐ Storage sheds☐ Storm/screen doors and windows	☐ Window awnings
☐ House plants (taken outside during the summer)	■ Storm/screen doors and windows	☐ Other:
Building Materials		
□ Bricks	☐ Roofing materials	■ Welding equipment
☐ Cement mixing tubs	☐ Sewer pipes	☐ Workbenches
☐ Cinder blocks	☐ Tools and toolboxes	☐ Other:
□ Lumber	☐ Water pipes	— outon.
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Yard and Garden Items		
☐ Animal houses (doghouses, rabbit hutches, etc.)	☐ Fertilizer spreaders	☐ Storage sheds
☐ Barbecue grills	☐ Flagpoles	☐ Swimming pools
☐ Birdbaths	☐ Garden tillers	☐ Tractors and trailers
☐ Bird feeders	☐ Garden tools	☐ Trees, shrubs, and plants
☐ Bird houses	□ Lawnmowers	☐ Trellises
☐ Bug lights	■ Mailboxes	■ Wheelbarrows
□ Carts	□ Picnic tables	☐ Yard decorations
☐ Cold frames	☐ Porch or patio furniture	Other:
□ Driftwood	☐ Signs and posts	
□ Fencing	☐ Snowblowers	
Children's Playthings		
☐ Bicycles, tricycles	Sleds, toboggans	■ Wagons
☐ Playhouses	Swing sets	Other outside toys (like trucks
□ Sandboxes	☐ Tire swings	or sand molds)
		☐ Other:
Other Items		
☐ Cars or trucks	☐ Car ramps	Stored tires (snow tires)
☐ Car parts	☐ Farm implements	☐ Other:
Please inspect anything that was stored outside!		
By signing this document you are affirming that you 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 sheet, as required by		
Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, part 301.45-4(a).		
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Signature:		
Printed Name:	Company Name:	
	(if applicable)	



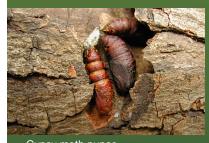
Gypsy moth egg masses on a lawn mower (USDA/APHIS, Susan Lane)



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)

^{*} To avoid spreading other tree pests, move only USDA- or State-certified, treated, and labeled firewood.