

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.
- 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: ____

Recreational or Camping Items

Backpacks Basketball backboards Bicycles Boats Boat trailers **Campers**

Household Items

Air conditioners Barrels Cardboard and wooden boxes Clothesline poles Clothespin bags Empty plant containers □ Firewood* House plants (taken outside during the summer)

Building Materials

Bricks Cement mixing tubs Cinder blocks Lumber

Yard and Garden Items

Animal houses (doghouses, rabbit hutches, etc.) Barbecue grills Birdbaths Bird feeders Bird houses Bug lights Carts Cold frames Driftwood □ Fencing

Children's Playthings

Bicycles, tricycles Playhouses Sandboxes

Other Items

Signature:

Cars or trucks Car parts

Please inspect anything that was stored outside!

Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, part 301.45-4(a).

- Lice chests Motorcycles □ Motor homes Recreational vehicles □ Snowmobiles
- Sports equipment
- Ladders Outdoor doormats
- Outdoor thermometers
- Refrigerators
- □ Sheets of plastic
- Shutters
- □ Storage sheds
- □ Storm/screen doors and windows
- Roofing materials
- □ Sewer pipes
- Tools and toolboxes
- U Water pipes
- Fertilizer spreaders □ Flagpoles Garden tillers
- Porch or patio furniture



- Tanks for propane and oil Television antennas
- Trash cans
- U Washing machines
- Water hoses
- Weather vanes
- U Window awnings
- Other: ____

U Welding equipment U Workbenches Other:

- □ Storage sheds
- Swimming pools
- Tractors and trailers Trees, shrubs, and plants
- Trellises
- U Wheelbarrows
- Yard decorations
- Other: ____
- U Wagons Cher outside toys (like trucks or sand molds) Other: _____
- □ Stored tires (snow tires)





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.

- Garden tools Lawnmowers Mailboxes Picnic tables
- □ Snowblowers

Sleds, toboggans Swing sets Tire swings

Car ramps □ Farm implements

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

Phone number: Printed Name: _____ Company Name: _____ (if applicable)

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