



# 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/planthealth/sphd)).

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE  
PLANT PROTECTION AND QUARANTINE**

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

3. Recreational or Camping Items		
<input type="checkbox"/> Backpacks	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice chests	<input type="checkbox"/> Tarps
<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball backboards	<input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycles	<input type="checkbox"/> Tents
<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycles	<input type="checkbox"/> Motor homes	<input type="checkbox"/> Waders or boots
<input type="checkbox"/> Boats	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreational vehicles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat trailers	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiles	
<input type="checkbox"/> Campers	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports equipment	



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

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



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

5. Building Materials		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bricks	<input type="checkbox"/> Roofing materials	<input type="checkbox"/> Welding equipment
<input type="checkbox"/> Cement mixing tubs	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer pipes	<input type="checkbox"/> Workbenches
<input type="checkbox"/> Cinder blocks	<input type="checkbox"/> Tools and toolboxes	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Lumber	<input type="checkbox"/> Water pipes	

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



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

7. Children's Playthings		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycles, tricycles	<input type="checkbox"/> Sleds, toboggans	<input type="checkbox"/> Wagons
<input type="checkbox"/> Playhouses	<input type="checkbox"/> Swing sets	<input type="checkbox"/> Other outside toys (like trucks or sand molds)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandboxes	<input type="checkbox"/> Tire swings	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____



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

8. Other Items		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cars or trucks	<input type="checkbox"/> Car ramps	<input type="checkbox"/> Stored tires (snow tires)
<input type="checkbox"/> Car parts	<input type="checkbox"/> Farm implements	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 spreading other tree pests, move only USDA- or State-certified, treated, and labeled firewood.**