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Important - Gypsy Moth Aerial Spray Information For Your Area

The 2013 gypsy moth aerial spray season is near. Read below for details on how you can keep yourself and your staff and your customers informed about upcoming spray activities in your area and this invasive pest.

We expect to spray for gypsy moth by low flying planes in Wisconsin starting next week. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will coordinate aerial spraying on the property of Governor Dodge State Park as part of its Suppression Program. (The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection will coordinate spray activities in 25 Wisconsin counties as part of its Slow the Spread Program as well.) While local media may report on gypsy moth spraying, there are a number of ways you can find out detailed information about when spraying will happen in your area, the sites where spraying will take place, and other information about gypsy moths, the damage they cause and management options for dealing with this invasive pest.

Spray notification emails

If you have an e-mail address, **you are *strongly urged* to sign up for the DNR's Gypsy Moth Spray Notification List.** You will receive e-mails regarding gypsy moth *spray activities for the entire state, including when your area is scheduled for spray and when spray activity is completed -- or cancelled for that day because of weather.* You can subscribe from the Wisconsin Gypsy Moth Webpage at <http://gypsymoth.wi.gov/>. Just to the right of the yellow and blue Wisconsin map on that page, click on the link to **subscribe for gypsy moth spray notification emails.** You will be directed to the [Gypsy Moth Spray Notification E-mail Sign-up page](#). Follow the directions to subscribe. You can unsubscribe any time.

Gypsy Moth Information Line

If you do not have an e-mail address or immediate access to an Internet connection, you can find out about gypsy moth spray activities by calling **1-800.642-6684** or **1-800.642-MOTH**. The recorded messages here are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week and are updated frequently and spray plans and schedules change. *You will need to call each day until the area you are interested in has been sprayed.*

Other sources of information include:

- The Wisconsin Cooperative Gypsy Moth Webpage at <http://gypsymoth.wi.gov/>. Most of your questions can be answered by browsing through the Wisconsin Gypsy Moth Webpage.
- The Wisconsin Cooperative Gypsy Moth Information Line (1-800.642-6684 or 1-800.642-MOTH). Select Menu Option No. 2. to be connected with a DNR staff person from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., 7 days per week.
- An e-mail to dnrfgypsymoth@wisconsin.gov will be answered within a few days.

If you have any questions about any information in this note, you can contact me at 608-266-2172 or Colleen.Robinsonklug@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

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