



## 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 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?

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/StateOffices](http://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

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|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <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      |                                          |

## Household Items

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <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: _____              |

## Building Materials

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|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <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         |                                            |

## Yard and Garden Items

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

## Children's Playthings

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|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <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: _____                                   |

## Other Items

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|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <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: _____              |

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).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

## GYPSY MOTH INSPECTION NOTIFICATION

Every year, Gypsy moth caterpillars do tremendous damage to trees and shrubs in the United States. In one season, they have been known to defoliate millions of acres of trees. Since Gypsy moths have no natural enemies in North America, the USDA has established quarantine regulations aimed at restricting the migration of these pests to unaffected areas.

You currently reside in an area know to be infested with Gypsy moths and, as such, it is your responsibility to ensure Gypsy moth eggs, caterpillars, or the moths themselves are not moved with your household goods. This is a serious situation and if you, as the shipper, fail to inspect and document that your household goods shipment is free of this infestation, you are subject to significant civil penalties.

This certificate acknowledges that you have been provided with the information necessary to inspect and document your actions to ensure your shipment is free of Gypsy moths, to include their eggs and caterpillars. Please read and acknowledge below.

I acknowledge that I am responsible for inspecting for and removing Gypsy moths, to include their eggs and/or caterpillars, in accordance with the United States Agriculture Department's Program Aid No. 2147. I have received and read the USDA publication "It's The Law: Before Moving, Check for the Gypsy Moth". I understand that I may choose to do the inspection myself or have a professional exterminator perform and document the inspection. I further acknowledge that if I fail to perform or have the inspection performed or if my household goods contain the Gypsy moth infestation, I shall be liable for any fine or penalty imposed.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS CERTIFICATE

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Please Print Full Name

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Carrier Order Number

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Signature

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Date