

DO NOT MOVE THE GYPSY MOTH

An Important Message from the U.S Department of Agriculture

The United States Department of Agriculture wants all intending to move Interstate to educate themselves about a regulations intended to prevent the interstate spread of this pest: the gypsy moth. All outdoor items moved from high risk areas into or through non-regulated areas must be free of gypsy moth life stages: eggs, caterpillars, pupae and adults. This means that you, the owner of the items about to be moved, are responsible for making sure you are not moving a serious tree pest along with your outdoor household articles.

Federal officials with USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service work with states in monitoring anyone, who moves outdoor household articles out of infested areas. People moving will be checked to see if they have a document certifying tat their outdoor household articles have been treated or are free of the gypsy moth. If they do not have a certificate, their outdoor household article swill be checked at the destination to see if they are free of the pest.

TWO WAYS TO INSPECT FOR THE GYPSY MOTH

I. You are responsible for making sure your outdoor items do not move the gypsy moth – how you do this is your decision. If you feel capable of detecting gypsy moth life stage, you may decide to inspect outdoor household articles yourself, particularly if you plan to move only a few outdoor items.

If you decide to do the inspection yourself, include anything accessible to a gypsy moth. Inspect any article left outdoor, stored in areas open to the outside. The checklist distributed with this information lists common outdoor household articles that could carry gypsy moth. Carefully examine each article and check it off of the list.

Be sure to enter the date and place inspected and sign at the bottom. This will be your official certificate of self-inspection. Be sure the list if provided to the carrier of your transportation in the paperwork accompanying your move.

II. If you are not so inclined, you may pay a USDA-trained certified pesticide applicator to inspect the articles you plan to move. Participating applicators may identify themselves in their advertising, or contact your State's regulatory officials, usually listed under your State's Department of Agriculture, Plant Protection, or Regulatory Division in the State Government section of your telephone directory.

Participating applicators are trained to inspect your items and treat them if necessary. They will be authorized to issue you a certified stating that your outdoor household items are free of the gypsy moth. The certificate must be issued within 5 days of your departure.