



European GYPSY MOTH Quarantine



Gypsy moth

Distinctive markings: Five pairs of blue dots followed by six pairs of red dots down the length of back.

Behavior: The gypsy moth feeds on oaks, crabapple, linden, willow, birch, aspen, and more than 250 other species of trees. The caterpillars hatch in May and feed through early July. During an outbreak they can strip trees, seemingly overnight. They build no silk tents.



What is the concern?

The gypsy moth is an unusual species. Its population goes through cycles of abundance—from typically low numbers to short-lived explosions in what is called an outbreak. During outbreaks, the hordes of gypsy moth caterpillars strip entire forests of leaves. Trees that were healthy

typically can survive a single defoliation, but weak or stressed trees can be killed. Outbreaks can be localized to a single woodlot or stretch over thousands of acres. During outbreaks, the leaves of most types of trees will be eaten because the gypsy moth caterpillar is not a fussy eater. It will feed on both broad-leaved trees and evergreens. The tree species it likes the best such as oaks, birch and aspen will be the worst defoliated. However, most trees in Wisconsin forests will be affected to some degree during outbreaks.



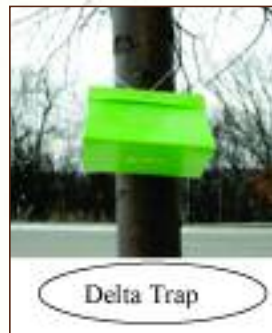
Quarantines:

How they work: The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Plant Protection and Quarantine (USDA) and the WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) monitors pests and enforces quarantines. Each quarantine has different rules and restrictions. The industries affected and government agencies should act responsibly to prevent the further movement of the quarantined pests.

Gypsy moth quarantine: How it works

To be quarantined, a county must have several years of high trap catches (10 or more males per trap) or an established breeding population.

Each year, statewide trapping and egg mass survey data is compiled. Based on this data, additional counties may be considered for quarantine. All of eastern Wisconsin is under quarantine for gypsy moth.



It is illegal to move or transport any wood product or outdoor household articles that have been exposed to

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gypsy moth from a quarantined area to a non-quarantined area without inspection or certification, ATCP statute 21.10.

The following regulated articles require inspection and certification:

- Logs, posts, pulpwood, bark and bark products
- Nursery stock
- Christmas trees
- Outdoor Household Articles (OHAs)
- Mobile homes and associated items

The movement of regulated articles from a generally infested area into or through a non-infested area will require documentation by one of the following:

- Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) Form 540 (Certificate)
- PPQ Form 530 (Limited Permit)
- A signed "Accurate Statement" (for logs, pulpwood, and woodchips)
- Self-Inspection Check List from Program Aid Number 1329 "Don't Move Gypsy Moth" (for OHAs)
- PPQ Form 527 (Sticky Back Certificate) (for nursery stock)
- Rubber Stamp Certificate (for nursery stock)
- Qualified Certified Applicator Document (for OHAs and mobile homes)

If establishments regularly ship large quantities of regulated articles outside the generally infested area, the establishments must operate under a Compliance Agreement. If establishments infrequently ship regulated articles from a generally infested area, PPQ and/or State personnel will inspect and certify individual shipments.

Gypsy Moth quarantine: What receiving mills need to do (out of state logs):

Sign a Federal Compliance Agreement if they are moving wood from a quarantined area out-of-state into a non-quarantined area in Wisconsin.

Mills agree to only receive quarantined wood from out-of-state that comes with a:

- 1) *USDA Certificate*: states that the logs have been fumigated or inspected by state or federal employees and are free from pests.
- 2) *Limited Permit* – states that logs will be processed at a mill under USDA Compliance by approved methods.

* *The Federal Government issues these. They can be stamps, stickers or paper. Each has unique number. Mills (especially pulp mills) may have stamps that they issue haulers to put on scale tickets or delivery orders.*

- 3) *Accurate Statement* – Issued by any person or company trained in Gypsy Moth Identification.

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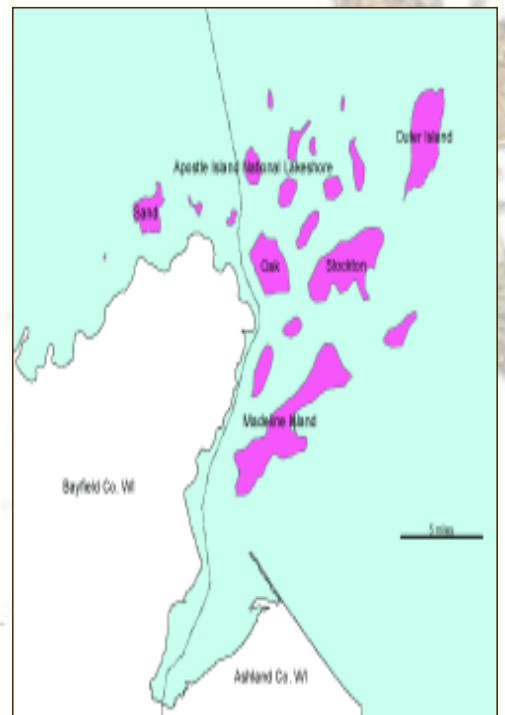
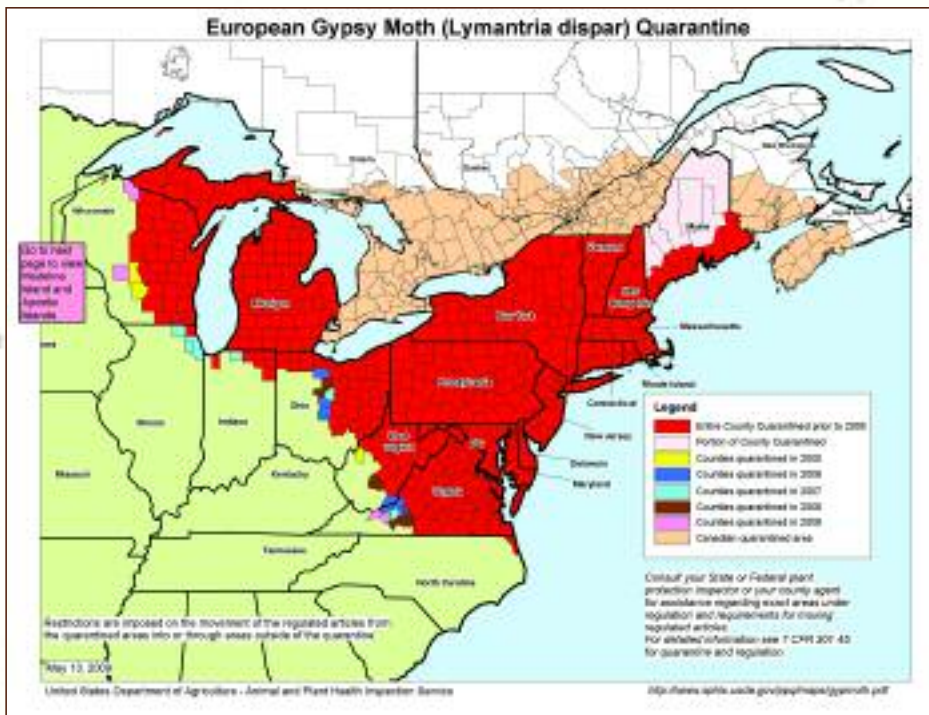
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Gypsy moth quarantine: What Loggers and Truckers need to do (out-of-state):

For interstate movement (federal government regulated) shippers agree to only move quarantined wood to an unquarantined area with a USDA Certificate or Limited Permit or Signed Accurate Statement.

Gypsy moth quarantine: What Loggers and Truckers need to do (in-state):

For in-state movement (state government regulated), loggers need to:

- 1) Get trained by DATCP to identify moth egg masses
- 2) Inspect loads before logs have left quarantined area
- 3) Document on paper (a scale ticket or delivery order is fine) that
 - a. Load is free of egg masses (none present or all removed, and
 - b. Name of logger and date inspected
- 4) Take wood/pulpwood to a mill that will process it according to the Federal Compliance Agreement/State permit.

Firewood and Gypsy Moth

Firewood is an ideal place for gypsy moth as well as other invasive pests. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources prohibits the movement of firewood from outside Wisconsin.

Firewood must be purchased at or within a 50-mile radius of the destination site. Quarantined areas are excluded in the 50-mile radius. Otherwise, it must be purchased from a DATCP certified firewood vendor or at the destination site. All firewood purchased must be burned on site.

What is Acceptable Firewood?

- Firewood purchased within 50 miles of a state forest, park, or other state-managed property.
- AND harvested in Wisconsin.
- AND NOT purchased, harvested or stored in, or transported through a quarantined county of Wisconsin. These include: Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac, and Sheboygan Counties.
- Firewood from a vendor that is certified by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.
- Dimensional and untreated lumber scraps, such as 2-by-4s and 2-by-6s.
- Minimally processed wood such as full or partial pallets, skids, or slabs are still prohibited from entering state properties under the DNR rule and will be confiscated if the wood was harvested beyond 50 miles from the campground or from out-of-state, or was harvested, stored or transported through a quarantined county within Wisconsin. Pallets and slabs are cut wood, but they can be fresh enough or have enough attached bark that they can harbor pests or diseases.

How Does the DNR Firewood Rule Affect My Camping Trip?

Across Wisconsin, campers are encouraged to take some simple steps to help ensure the healthy future of the state's parks, forests, and trees.

1. Leave firewood at home and purchase aged firewood near or within your campground. Most parks offer quality firewood for sale at a reasonable price by the park's friends group. If you choose to purchase firewood within these

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parcs, know that proceeds return to the park's budget and pay for things like educational programs, buildings and picnic shelters, seasonal naturalists and needed equipment. Private sellers often have firewood available for sale just outside of the park as well. For firewood availability at your destination, contact the park directly.

2. Firewood purchased at or near your destination should be used during your camping vacation. Do not leave any unused wood behind and do not take it with you to another destination.
3. When buying firewood, make sure you receive pieces that are dry and have either no bark or bark that is loose (a sign that the wood is very dry). Not only will this reduce the threat of spreading diseases, your fire will be easier to start.
4. Reduce your need for open fire by cooking over gas or charcoal. Instead of an evening campfire, explore new night-time activities like star-gazing or viewing wildlife by

If you are a camper from outside of Wisconsin, please do not bring firewood with you. It will be confiscated and if the wood is from a quarantined area, you could be violating a federal law that forbids moving wood of any kind out of your state or county

of residence. Be aware, if you transport firewood from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, or Lower Michigan, you can be liable for federal fines up to \$1,000.00.

If you are a camper from Wisconsin, please do not bring firewood that has been stored, purchased, harvested, or moved through (with stops longer than necessary to re-fuel your vehicle) Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac, or Sheboygan Counties to properties outside of those counties. It will be confiscated and you would be violating state law.

If you are bringing firewood from elsewhere in Wisconsin, please only use firewood from a Wisconsin source within 50 miles of where you will use it. Ideally, purchase firewood from within the campground where you are staying, as that wood is often cut on site and sold by groups who reinvest earnings in the same park. If you purchase your firewood outside of the park but within a non-quarantined area of Wisconsin, near the campground you are visiting, please have a receipt ready to show proof of that purchase.

The firewood information line is updated with the very latest information regarding firewood and Wisconsin DNR managed properties.

The toll-free number is: 1-877-303-WOOD (9663). ▲

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