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Important information about this year's Gypsy Moth Aerial Spraying Program

The purpose of this communication is to share information about the 2009 gypsy moth aerial spray season in Wisconsin and to outline how you can keep yourself informed about this invasive pest and about upcoming spray activities in your area.

It is expected gypsy moth aerial spraying will be taking place in Wisconsin starting in mid-May. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will be coordinating aerial spray activities in 23 eastern Wisconsin counties as part of its Suppression Spray Program. (During this same time, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection will be coordinating spray activities in the western Wisconsin counties as part of its Slow the Spread Program.) 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 be taking place in your area, the sites where spraying will take place, and other information (e.g., specific information about gypsy moths, the damage they cause, options that are available for dealing with this invasive pest, etc.).

If you have an e-mail address, you are strongly urged to sign up for the DNR's Gypsy Moth Spray Notification Service. By signing up for this service, you will receive e-mails *prior to spray activities in your area and when spray activity is completed -- or cancelled for that day because of weather.* You can go to the Wisconsin Gypsy Moth Internet portal at <http://gypsymoth.wi.gov/>. Immediately below two state maps on the page, click on the link **Gypsy Moth Spray-E-mail Sign-up**. You will be directed to the **Gypsy Moth Spray-E-mail Sign-up** page, which is published by the DNR. (This page is at <http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/fh/gm/spraySignUp.asp>.) You need to provide your e-mail address and the county for which you would like information. (Note: you only need to specify one county, even if you'd like information about spray activities about other areas of the state. The e-mails that are sent out provide information on all areas that are being sprayed on a particular day.)

If you do not have an e-mail address or if you do not have immediate access to an Internet connection, you can still find out about gypsy moth spray activities by calling the **Wisconsin Cooperative Gypsy Moth Information Line** at **1-800.642-6684** or **1-800.642-MOTH**. The line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. *You will need to call each day until the area you are interested in has been sprayed.*

Other sources of information include the following

- The Wisconsin Gypsy Moth portal at <http://gypsymoth.wi.gov/>. Many (if not most) of your questions can be answered by browsing through the Wisconsin Gypsy Moth portal.
- The Wisconsin Cooperative Gypsy Moth Information Line (1-800.642-6684 or 1-800.642-MOTH) and selecting Menu Option No. 2. You will be connected with a staff person or asked to leave a detailed message and someone will return your call.
- An e-mail to dnrfrgypsymoth@wisconsin.gov. While it may take a couple of days to respond to your e-mail, someone will get back to you.

If you have any questions about any information in this note, you can contact me at 608.261-0763 from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. You can also contact me by e-mail at VirginiaM.MayoBlack@wisconsin.gov.

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