



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



## Spongy Moth Survey in Progress

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and your State government are surveying this area for an invasive pest called the spongy moth (*Lymantria dispar*). This insect is a serious threat to trees. The caterpillars eat the leaves of at least 300 types of trees. In heavy infestations, they can completely strip the leaves from host trees over large geographic areas. This can weaken and eventually kill trees.

We are placing spongy moth traps in your neighborhood to help us survey and find infestations that may be in this area. Please do not move them. If you see a trap on the ground, please see the contact information below to report it. Your cooperation will help to stop the spread of spongy moth.

There are two types of traps. The delta trap looks like a tent with openings on each end. The milk carton trap is taller and looks like a milk carton. The traps are designed to only attract adult male spongy moths and are safe to use around people, pets, and wildlife.

### Learn More

For more information about the spongy moth survey, contact your State agriculture department ([www.nationalplantboard.org/member](http://www.nationalplantboard.org/member)) or nearest USDA office ([www.aphis.usda.gov/planthealth/sphd](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/planthealth/sphd)).

Moving to a new area? Find out how to leave spongy moth behind at [YourMoveSpongyMothFree.com](http://YourMoveSpongyMothFree.com).

See reverse side for photos. If you see signs of infestation call:





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Spongy moth caterpillar



Spongy moth egg mass



Spongy moth adult male



Delta trap



Milk carton trap

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Survey Specialist: \_\_\_\_\_

A survey specialist:

- Will return per the agreed-upon schedule
- Placed or serviced traps for plant pests
- Collected insect samples
- Collected plant disease samples