

MOVING IDEAS

Don't Pack This Pest

(NAPSA)—If you're moving to a new home this year, watch out for certain stowaways: gypsy moths.

These insects are among the most destructive pests of trees and shrubs in America. Gorging themselves on leaves, gypsy moth caterpillars weaken and can kill more than 300 different species of trees. Since 1970, they've defoliated more than 75 million acres.



Don't let gypsy moths hitch a ride on your moving van.

The Answer

That's why the U.S. Department of Agriculture requires homeowners by law to inspect and remove gypsy moth egg masses from household goods prior to moving across state lines—and get an official certificate of inspection.

What You Need To Do

- Check all outdoor household goods—lawn furniture, grills, outdoor toys, camping equipment—for egg masses.
- Use a putty knife, stiff brush or similar hand tool to dispose of any egg masses you do find into a container of hot, soapy water, or place them in a plastic bag, seal it, and set it in the sun.

To get the certificate, you can perform a self-inspection or hire a state-certified pesticide applicator. The American Moving and Storage Association says you should then give the inspection certificate to your moving van driver.

Learn More

A free gypsy moth removal checklist and additional information can be found at www.Moving.org.