

Gypsy Moth Regulations in Wisconsin

Quarantines

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

Gypsy moth quarantine: how it works

Counties that have an average of 10 or more moth catches per trap or egg masses for several years will be quarantined. While there are moths in every county in Wisconsin, only “generally infested” areas are quarantined. Each winter, the trapping data is evaluated and new counties may be quarantined. All homeowners that relocate as well as all businesses that move woody material — *e.g.* nurseries, Christmas tree farms and timber companies — need to follow rules on moving materials out of the quarantined area.

Gypsy moth quarantine: what loggers and truckers need to do (in-state)

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

1. Get trained by DATCP to identify gypsy moth egg masses and other life stages.
2. Inspect non-pulpwood loads before logs leave quarantined area.
3. Document on the **DATCP Inspection Statement** that the load is free of egg masses (none present or all removed), OR that the load is pulpwood destined for a compliant pulp mill or staging yard AND include name and signature of logger or trucker, training ID #, and date inspected.
4. Take wood to a mill or receiving yard that holds a valid gypsy moth compliance agreement.

Gypsy moth quarantine: what loggers and truckers need to do (out-of-state)

For interstate movement (federal government regulated), shippers agree to move quarantined wood to a non-quarantined area outside Wisconsin only with a USDA Certificate, or Limited Permit, or Signed Accurate statement. Please contact the USDA for details.

Gypsy moth quarantine: what mills and staging yards need to do (in-state)

Sign a State Compliance Agreement (CA) if you’re receiving wood from a quarantined area in Wisconsin and your mill is located in a non-quarantined county in western Wisconsin.

Mills that receive quarantined wood agree to either:

1. Only accept wood that has been inspected and certified free of egg masses or other gypsy moth life stages. Receiving mill shall collect **DATCP Inspection Statements** and retain them for 36 months.
OR
2. If undocumented, quarantined logs arrive between May 1-June 30, mills and staging yards shall either segregate and process logs within 5 days and have all bark material burned or composted, OR segregate and store all logs at least 100 feet from woody vegetation, AND report the arrival of undocumented logs to DATCP so they can provide the requisite training.

Gypsy moth quarantine: what mills and staging yards need to do (receiving out-of-state logs)

Sign a USDA (Federal) Compliance Agreement if you're moving wood from a quarantined area out-of-state into a non-quarantined area in Wisconsin.

Mills and staging yards agree to only receive quarantined wood from out-of-state that comes with one of the following:

USDA Certificate* states that the logs have been treated or inspected by state or federal employees and are free from pests.

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 documents. Each has a unique number. Mills (especially pulp mills) may have stamps that they issue haulers to put on scale tickets or delivery orders.*

Accurate statement: issued by any person or company. Allows for self-inspection, stating origin, destination and date of inspection.

Mills receiving out-of-state logs will have similar processing requirements as those receiving Wisconsin logs. Please contact the USDA for additional information.

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