

Date: May 17, 2021
To: Local Administrators (sent via email)
From: Jeff Lawrence, County Tree Commissioner / Weed Inspector
Cc: Julie Gonyou, Chief Administrative

Re: Gypsy Moth Control Measures

Dear Municipal Partner CAOs,

Another season of gypsy moths will soon be upon us! I recently presented my quarterly Tree Commissioner's report to Elgin County Council and included some information about gypsy moths (attached). Elgin County Council directed that I share some information about gypsy moths with you as well. In particular, they requested that I provide our Local Municipal Partners with contact information for companies experienced in the control of forest defoliators/caterpillars/gypsy moths.

If gypsy moths become an issue in your respective area, you may wish to:

- Retain, likely through an RFP process, a suitably qualified professional to develop an ***Integrated Pest Management Plan*** (Plan).
- This plan would include surveys, identification of priority areas, and recommendations for control measures based on the level and location of the infestation. This information is important because the life cycle stage and infestation level of the insect and several environmental factors may allow for the use of alternative control measures that could be more effective, less expensive, and present less collateral damage than spraying.
- Some larger cities, including the City of London, have retained the services of the following contractors:
 - **BioForest-Lallemand** (<https://bioforest.ca/en/canada/> | 1-888-236-7378) – to conduct surveys and develop science-based management strategies for the gypsy moth.
 - **Zimmer Air Services** (<https://zimmerair.com/> | 519-676-9550) – to undertake larger scale spraying programs.
- A few smaller local Tree Service companies may have the equipment to treat or provide management for individual trees or small areas for individual landowners, small parks, or municipalities. If you regularly work with a Tree Service company, I encourage you to reach out to them to see if they offer this service.
- Alternatively, I can confirm that the following two local tree service companies offer caterpillar and/or gypsy moth control services:
 - **Davey Tree Service** (www.daveytree.ca | 1-800-465-6367)
 - **CLC Tree Services** (www.clctreeservices.com | 519-685-0257)

If you have any questions about Gypsy Moths and why they are a problem, please don't hesitate to give me a call or send me an email.

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