

NOTIFICATION OF AERIAL SPRAY TREATMENT FOR THE CONTROL OF SPONGY (GYPSY) MOTH LARVAE

TREATMENT IS SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 12, 2025

There is no additional cost to membership. The treatment is being funded by WALPOA

The Entomological Society of America recently changed the official common name of *Lymantria Dispar* from “gypsy moth” to “spongy moth.” Both names are used synonymously in publications, research and treatment of *Lymantria Dispar*.

All properties within the boundaries of Wild Acres Lakes Property Owners Association are scheduled to be sprayed by helicopter the week of May 12, 2025, weather permitting, with the biological insecticide *Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt)* commercially labeled as Foray 76B. Foray 76B is a formulation of *Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki (Btk)*, used for controlling leaf defoliators in forestry applications; links provided for additional information.

<https://www.valentbiosciences.com/foresthealth/products/foray/76b/>

<https://www.valentbiosciences.com/foresthealth/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2021/04/Valent-Foray-76B-44-label.pdf>

https://www3.epa.gov/pesticides/chem_search/ppls/073049-00049-20021230.pdf

Typically, spraying occurs mid-May depending on the life stage of the caterpillars (larvae) and spring temperatures. The spray is applied in a very fine mist for maximum coverage of the leaves. It is applied in droplets only 5/1000 of an inch in diameter. This protects the leaves with approximately 50 droplets per square inch. Most of the time the spray cannot be seen or felt. Rain has little effect on it once it has had time to dry. Eradication of the spongy (gypsy) moth should not be expected. The intent of the spray program is to greatly reduce the caterpillar population, giving residents in heavily infested areas some relief from the nuisance and protecting other areas from additional infestation.

Spraying will be done during early morning hours when the air is cool, and winds are minimal. The exact date and time cannot be determined more than 24 hours in advance as spray application depends on weather conditions. Weather permitting, spraying is scheduled in the early morning hours during the week of May 12, 2025. Should this change for any reason, WALPOA will notify residents of the schedule change immediately.

A map of the spraying area is posted on the community website in the News & Updates at <https://test.wildacreslakes.org/blog/>

If you do not want your property sprayed, please complete the 2025 Gypsy (Spongy) Moth Suppression Opt-Out Request Form and submit to the Administration Office in person or via email to doo@wildacreslakes.org no later than 4:00pm Thursday, May 8, 2025. Forms are available on our website and AppFolio in Resident Forms.