

Gypsy Moth Quarantine Expanded

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) has expanded the Virginia Gypsy Moth Quarantine (2VAC5-330) to include the county of Wythe. This action became necessary after surveys indicated an increase in gypsy moth populations in Wythe County. Once established, the gypsy moth has the potential to spread to uninfested areas, either through natural means or through the artificial movement of infested articles. The quarantine is intended to prevent the artificial spread of this pest. Under the terms of the quarantine, trees with roots, shrubs with roots, (except if greenhouse-grown throughout the year), logs and pulpwood, (except if being moved to a mill operation under a compliance agreement), firewood, mobile homes and associated equipment, and cut Christmas trees are prohibited from moving out of the quarantined area unless articles are certified as gypsy moth-free. Businesses moving regulated articles should contact VDACS at: Phone: (804) 786-3515; Hearing Impaired: (800) 828-1120.