



## No free pheromone lure packages available this spring

### Alternative spongy (gypsy) moth pheromone lure

The insect previously known as the gypsy moth or LDD moth (from its scientific name, *Lymantria dispar dispar*) was recently renamed the spongy moth. Last year, and for several years before that, it did significant damage to many trees around our lake, across Ontario and beyond. As the snow begins to melt and with spring on our doorstep, the Wolfe Lake Association team wants to inform you of an alternative pheromone lure, available from a supplier in Kingston.

Last year, through the efforts of Tom Myatt and Bruce Maynard, the lake association was able to obtain a sizeable supply of spongy (gypsy) moth lures at no cost. These were distributed to the Wolfe Lake and Westport community. Unfortunately, the supplier is no longer able to provide the lures.

The Wolfe Lake Association has taken the initiative to search for alternatives. Gord Moore, a member of our executive team, has found a supplier:

Urban Nature Store  
645 Gardiners Rd, Unit 102  
Kingston, ON K7M 8K2  
613-887-2735  
urbannaturestore.ca  
kingston@urbannaturestore.ca

To purchase lures from Urban Nature Store, visit the store or go directly to their website, [urbannaturestore.ca](http://urbannaturestore.ca). The lures are a different shape than those we used last year, but function in the same way. They are described as Gypsy Moth Trap Replacement Lures and sell for \$6.95 each, with volume discounts starting at ten lures. Containers with one lure included sell for \$15.95 each, also with volume discounts, but as long as you can use the same containers as last year, there is no need to purchase theirs. Urban Nature Store tells us that unopened lures have a shelf life of five years. Once the bag is opened, they are good for one season.

Supplies will be coming in every two weeks beginning March 14th, so if you are interested, you may want to order soon. Please note that it is your responsibility to determine the relative safety of the product for your household. The Wolfe Lake Association Westport assumes no liability nor does the association endorse the product.

We do not normally advertise products via our News Flashes, but we are making an exception in this case, since very few commercial outlets offer these lures, and time is of the essence.

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