

Gypsy Moth Management

Resident Notice Spring 2021

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Based on surveys conducted this winter by the City's Forestry Section, trees in your neighbourhood were identified as containing higher populations of the invasive insect pest Gypsy Moth.

What is Gypsy Moth?

Gypsy Moth is an insect pest native to Europe that has been introduced to North America. Its caterpillars eat tree leaves and, in large numbers, can decrease the tree canopy, leaving trees to be more vulnerable to disease and attack from other insects. As several years of defoliation can weaken trees and have negative impacts on their long-term health, this work is essential to protect our urban forest.

Publicly Owned Trees

Based on forecasting, the City plans to treat publicly owned trees in areas found to have a higher Gypsy Moth population. Trees selected for this essential work will be marked with paint prior to treatment.

No aerial spray is planned in Mississauga for 2021.

Treatments including tree injections and ground sprays are expected to occur during the months of May and June and are dependent on weather conditions and the emergence of Gypsy Moth caterillars.

If you come in proximity of City staff or contractors, please maintain a physical distance of at least 2 metres (or 6 feet) for your safety and theirs.

Learn More

More information about this year's treatment program including a map of treatment areas is available on the City's website at mississauga.ca/gypsymoth2021.