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HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN GYPSY MOTH PHEROMONE OPEN TRAY TRAP

When the sun is out, and **no rain** in the weather forecast, a simple open tray trap works really well. Many find these open tray traps work even better than the clear bottle ones. This is what you do:

Open Tray 1

- ① Select a tray, no holes. Could be a baking tray, a paint tray or any other tray which you would like to use for this purpose, as long as it hold water, and has walls of at least 2 inches.
- ② Find an empty clear plastic (fruits or veggie) basket with many holes. String a piece of twine through one of the centre holes with a knot at the outside end.
- ③ Put a couple of inches of water, with a dash of dishwasher detergent into the tray
- ④ Attach the pheromone lure (one elastic band) to the twine. The lure should hang well above the water level. If that is not possible, attached the lower part of the lure (elastic band) to another piece of string and hang the band (almost) horizontally in the clear plastic box. (Hint: If you touch the pheromone lure, be sure to wash your hands afterwards, or the males will flutter right into you looking for the female they think you are holding. (Best to make the trap wearing disposable gloves.)
- ⑤ Place the tray trap on a leveled location, or use a board to place it on the ground.

Open Tray 2

- ① Select a tray, no holes, such as this paint tray. Place and secure a chop stick over the tray or any other tray, and attach the lure in such a way that it will not touch the soapy water.

