

General Instructions For Placing Gypsy Moth Traps For ODA, IPPM Program

1. Pick up the supplies needed for placing the number of gypsy moth (GM) traps that you have been assigned:
 - a. Pre-built GM traps
 - b. Flagging tape
 - c. Clear plastic bags
 - d. Trap cards
 - e. Pre-paid return envelopes (for mailing white trap card copies to Salem)
 - f. Survey Protocols and supporting documents
 - g. GM flyers (one for yourself and additional copies for distribution)
2. Place your assigned traps:
 - a. Place the traps according to the ODA gypsy moth survey protocols
 - b. Fill out the trap card completely-see example/please write down the barcode(s) number in the "Comments" field
 - c. Weekly to bi-weekly please tear off and mail the white copies of the trap cards to ODA-IPPM in the pre-paid envelopes and keep the yellow copy for yourself until the trap is removed from the field
 - d. Keep any plastic bags for trap removal later in the season
3. Check your traps:
 - a. The number of times that you check the trap will depend on your work schedule. It is ideal to check the traps two to three times during the season but this schedule may not be possible. Please speak with your supervisor about trap checking.
 - b. During the trap checking process please report any possible gypsy moth suspects to your supervisor, replace the trap with a new one, and if you have a smart phone please take a photo of the suspect and send to your supervisor/ODA entomologists. Keep the trap with the suspect in a safe place until you can turn it in.
 - c. Fill out the yellow copy trap card for each trap check
4. Remove your traps at the end of the season:
 - a. Check the trap one last time for GM
 - b. Remove the trap, remove flagging tape (if you used it), and place the trap in a clear plastic bag
 - c. Fill out each trap card as each trap is removed (please don't miss any)
 - d. Turn in the removed traps and organized trap cards to your designated location. These traps and trap cards will get passed to ODA for final check in. Please attach the trap cards to the outside of the bag(s).

Thank you very much for helping ODA place GM traps this season!

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