

Gypsy Moth Awareness in Prairie Grove

[Please help us identify infested trees](#)

Last year several residents notified the Village of their concern with an insect (known as the Gypsy Moth) infesting Oak Trees in Prairie Grove. These insects, if allowed to multiply, thrive on the leaves of several varieties of trees (most common occurrence is Oak in Prairie Grove) and can devastate a tree within a few years. The Village worked in cooperation with the residents and the County to eradicate the pest with aerial spraying.

Right now we need your help in identifying trees within sections of the Village that may be playing host to these insects. Please take a moment to view the photo below and alert the Village if you have any trees on your property that have similar nests. The nests are varied in size, suede-like in appearance and may be located in other areas on your property.

It is important we have this information within the next 7 days. At that time, the Village will make a determination as to how it will address this issue if there is one. Please note in order to be eligible for an aerial spraying completed, there must be at least 10 contiguous infected acres. You may reach us by email to the Superintendent of Public Works at tcarone@prairiegrove.org or by phone at (815) 455-1411.

For more information regarding the Gypsy Moth, please click on the link above the photo titled Gypsy Moth in North America.

Gypsy Moth in North America



This is a photo of what the nests currently look like

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely, Jeannine M. Smith - Village Administrator