

WISCONSIN WILDCARDS

ALIEN INVADERS



GYPSY MOTH EGG MASS

Lymantria dispar. L.

BASIC ID

Each 1½" teardrop-shaped egg mass contains 600 to 1,000 eggs. It is covered with tan hairs from the female moth's abdomen.

HABITS

Masses are laid in August, over-winter, and hatch in May. They are often found on the undersides of branches, rough surfaces and human-made objects.

MANAGEMENT (EGG MASS)

- Spray masses with horticultural oil (do not use automotive oil) in winter until mid-April. For the oil to be effective, it requires at least two weeks to work; applying after mid-April allows eggs to hatch before they suffocate.
- From August until the following May, scrape egg masses into a glass or plastic container and microwave for two minutes, or scrape into a bucket and cover with soapy water for two days. Discard after destroyed.

For more information visit: <http://gypsymoth.wi.gov>
or call 1-800-642-MOTH (6684)

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