



NOTICE FROM THE SIX NATIONS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Wednesday May 29th 2019:

Gypsy Moth Aerial Spraying Beginning This Week

As the hardwood tree foliage has nearly filled out on the territory and Gypsy moth larvae are beginning to appear in large numbers, it's time to begin aerial spraying. The applications will be made by airplane flying at low altitudes in the northeast portion of the reserve, which was found to be the most heavily infested area. The more western portion of the reserve will be sprayed using similarly low-flying helicopters (up to four) in order to accurately spray smaller blocks for less infested areas. The first application is anticipated to start the evening of **Wednesday May 29th** and should be finished within 3 to 5 days with a 5 to 7 day separation period before the final application. This is subject to a forecast of no rain for at least 6 hours and low enough winds.

The projected flight times for the aircraft will depend on weather, as favourable conditions are needed to effectively cover the infested areas. For example, spraying will not be done during midday when direct sunlight is most intense or during windy days; overcast, low wind days are best. The pilots are able to begin flying up to a half hour before sunrise and a half hour after sunset, so evening and morning flights should be expected. For more information call the Wildlife Management Office at 519-445-0330.

Update June 5th, 2019: *The first spray was completed in one session on Friday, May 31 2019 using six helicopters and three planes. The second application will be starting tomorrow (Thursday June 6, 2019) pending appropriate weather conditions. This application will be made entirely with helicopters as the planes are needed to start another spray program, so expect a longer time period to complete the total spray area.*