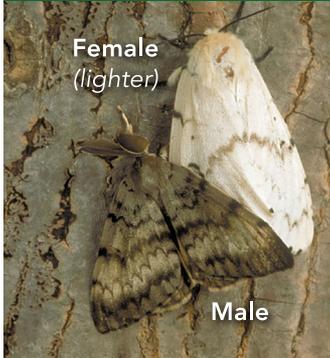
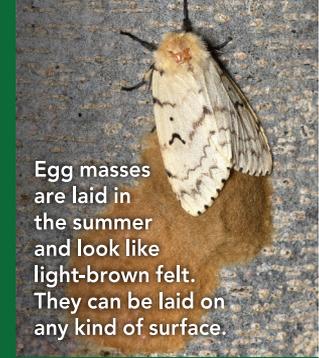


# ATTEND AN ONLINE INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC MEETING



The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner have detected the **spongy moth** (SM), formerly known as gypsy moth, in your immediate neighborhood. This invasive species attacks a wide range of trees, including oaks, hardwoods, evergreens, cottonwood, willow, and others. When trees are repeatedly defoliated, they become more susceptible to other invasive species and disease, increasing potential for tree death, fire, and erosion.

**What is being done?** When spongy moths are detected in an area, agricultural officials place additional traps to determine the extent of the infestation. In addition, host trees and shrubs surrounding SM detections must be treated to kill the caterpillars before they mature into adult moths and spread. Staff will be in your neighborhood applying an organic material *Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki* (Btk) on properties where SM has been detected, as well as properties adjacent to detection sites.



Have you traveled to these infested areas?



**How can I help?** Your cooperation with this program is critical. Please call our toll-free Pest Hotline at **1-800-491-1899** if you feel you've seen the spongy moth or would like to have items inspected – especially if you have recently traveled to or had visitors from the infested area shown on the map. Two webinar meetings have been scheduled for your area on Wednesday, February 25, to address the planned spongy moth trapping activities. Additional material and meeting information can be found by visiting: [www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/sm](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/sm)

Los funcionarios agrícolas pronto aplicarán material orgánico en su vecindario. Para obtener información sobre esta inspección, comuníquese con la Línea de Atención al Cliente al **1-800-491-1899**.



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## OFFICIAL NOTICE

### Webinar Public Meeting on Planned Survey Activities in Your Neighborhood

An infestation of the **spongy moth** has been found in your immediate neighborhood. This invasive species attacks a wide range of native and landscape trees growing here. Learn more about SM at [www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/SM](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/SM)

**Public Meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2026 at Noon & 6:00 p.m.**

- **12:00 pm/Noon Webinar URL:** <https://tinyurl.com/2as9fcjc>
- **6:00 pm Webinar URL:** <https://tinyurl.com/bdtf9wvr>

Meeting Document URL: [www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/SM](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/SM)

