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**2009 McHenry County Gypsy Moth Spraying**

McHenry County will be conducting aerial spraying for the control of Gypsy Moth infestation commencing the week of May 26<sup>th</sup>, weather depending. Gypsy moths are among the most destructive forest and landscape pests in the United States stripping the leaves from oaks, crab apples, poplars, and other popular tree types. For information regarding areas to be sprayed, please visit:

<http://www.co.mchenry.il.us/common/countyBrd/Moth/2009GypsyMoth.pdf>

Spray areas will be treated with a naturally occurring bacterium called Btk. Btk is not considered harmful for people, animals, birds, fish, other insects such as bees and ladybugs or water supplies. As a general precaution it is recommended that all persons in spray areas minimize exposure to it by remaining indoors for at least 30 minutes following the spray application.

For more information regarding McHenry County's aerial spraying program call 815-334-4298, or for general information on gypsy moth infestation call the Illinois Department of Agriculture's toll-free hotline at 1-866-296-6684.

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