



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Why is the Town spraying trees?

The Town’s goal is to preserve the health of the street trees and to minimize public health effects of Browntail Moth caterpillars. This effort will not fully eradicate Browntail Moths in Falmouth.

When will spraying take place?

Spraying will begin on or around May 1. It is unknown how long it will take to complete spraying of the treatment area. Spraying will be done during the early morning hours, typically between 4:00am -7:30 am.

Will all the trees along the street be sprayed?

No. Only those trees infested by Browntail Moths will be sprayed, typically oaks and apple trees. Also, only those trees located within, or whose canopy is located within, the public right of way will be sprayed. Generally, the right of way extends approximately 15 feet from the edge of the road pavement.

What if I don’t want the trees along my property to be sprayed?

You will need to return the enclosed refusal form to Town Hall NO LATER THAN April 26 to opt out of spraying along your property. Town staff will indicate that your property should be left out of spraying by painting lines on the roadway.

What should I do to prepare for spraying?

Common sense precautions are all that is needed: keep windows closed, pets and animals inside, and don’t leave your laundry hanging on the line overnight. The mist will dry quickly, within 2 hours of the spray being applied, and it will be safe to go outside.

I have pets/animals on my property. How will they be affected?

Pets and animals should be kept indoors during spraying and until the spray is dry, approximately 2 hours. Once the insecticide is dry, your pets will not be affected.

Will the mist sprayer be disruptive?

Unfortunately, the mist sprayer is quite loud. The good news is that it will pass quickly and each area will only need to be treated once. We apologize for any disruption it may cause you.

Is there a way to know when my street is going to be treated?

The Town will post a treatment schedule on our website and will keep it updated with any changes. Go to www.falmouthme.org and click “Browntail Moth”.

Where can I get more information?

Town of Falmouth: mtryon@falmouthme.org 207-699-5335
Whitney Tree Services: whitneytree@securespeed.us 207-657-3256
NNE Poison Control Center: www.nnepc.org 1-800-222-1222
ME Pesticides Control Board: pesticides@maine.gov 207-287-2731

Materials related to Browntail Moths, their impacts, and our spraying program can be found on our website at www.falmouthme.org

