

2024 Spongy Moth Program Announcement from BC Ministry of Forests

Trapping and monitoring results from 2023 indicate spongy moth populations are establishing in various locations across the province and require eradication. Thirteen aerial sprays are required to eradicate this non-native, invasive species.

Aerial spraying will be completed in the following areas between **April 27 – May 21, 2024**.

Locations	
Langley	Salt Spring Island
Tsawwassen	Kamloops
Saanich (Gorge-Tillicum)	West Kelowna
Esquimalt / Vic West	Nanaimo
North Saanich (Ardmore)	Qualicum Beach
Colwood (Belmont)	Cranbrook
Cowichan Bay	

For more information, including specific dates and additional maps, please go to:

[Spongy Moth News - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www.gov.bc.ca/spongy-moth-news/)

Please note that dates are subject to change due to insect development rates (optimum spray windows are provided by a temperature driven model) and weather conditions. Rain and high winds will cancel a morning's scheduled treatment which will resume the following suitable morning until the area has been completed.

The operation will have a low flying aircraft doing several passes over the area from first light to 7:30 AM. The footprint of the aircraft will be much larger than the spray block shown on the maps provided to allow for the aircraft to turn around.

North Saanich (Ardmore) Aerial Spray Zone

