



7 Tips to Avoid Browntail Moth Rash

1 Take the necessary steps to remove webs from your property.

Depending on the severity of the infestation, removal methods include both non-chemical and chemical options. Contact the Maine Forest Service for more information.



2 Avoid places that are heavily infested with caterpillars during the spring and early summer.

Pay close attention to your surroundings when outside and check infestations before going to parks and beaches.

3 Keep car and house windows closed in high-risk areas.

As tempting as it may be to let the fresh air in, open windows provide ample opportunity for those problematic hairs to blow into your car or home.



4 Abstain from air-drying laundry or rugs outside.

Decrease the risk of hairs getting trapped in fabrics by drying everything inside during the months of May, June and July.

5 Use caution when doing yard work in heavily infested areas.

Cover any exposed skin and consider wearing a respirator and goggles when performing any activities that might stir up the poisonous hairs.



6 Hold off on doing any yard work during dry, windy days.

Complete yard work on damp days or wet down the surrounding area with a hose. The chance of contracting browntail moth rash increases during dry, windy conditions.

7 Stay informed about browntail moth throughout the year.

Utilize local resources, such as the Maine Forest Service, that provide information about browntail moths to help safeguard you and your family. Check out our full blog post for links and other resources.

