



# DISPOSAL OF PLANT MATERIAL INFESTED WITH BOX TREE MOTH

(*CYDALIMA PERSPECTALIS*)

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## DISPOSAL METHODS

If you choose not to treat your plants that are infested with Box Tree Moth with an approved pesticide follow these guidelines to ensure responsible disposal and prevent further spread of the pest.

If you have a large infestation the West Virginia Department of Agriculture would like to know about it.

To report your infestation, send an e-mail to the West Virginia Department of Agriculture invasive species detection account at: [bugbusters@wvda.us](mailto:bugbusters@wvda.us) or 304-558-2212.



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### DOUBLE BAG

**Double-bag:** Use two layers of thick black plastic garbage bags. Seal bags tightly and let them remain in the sun for several days. Heat will build up in the bag and kill the insects before disposal. Place bags in the municipal waste.



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### BURN OR BURY

If permitted locally, **burning or deep burial** (2 feet) may also be options—check with your municipality.



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### NO COMPOSTING

**Do not compost at home** or leave clippings at the curb for yard waste pick-up.



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### FALLEN LEAVES

**Collect and discard fallen leaves** under boxwoods to remove caterpillars that could overwinter. Since box tree moth overwinters as caterpillars that are attached to boxwood leaves inside webbing, it's a good idea to remove any debris left behind by the plants that could provide material to overwinter in