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December	Maine Forest Service will provide Towns with general level of infestation
	Council/Select board meeting decision to offer local browntail moth control program
	If a public health nuisance declaration will be sought, contact Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to have browntail moth declared a Public Health Nuisance (www.maine.gov/dhhs/browntailmoth)
January	Map proposed treatment areas in GIS form
	Town decision to proceed with control project
	Hire a BROWNTAIL MOTH project coordinator
	Contract with a licensed pesticide applicator
	Decide on pesticide that will be used for treatment
February	
	Conduct informational sessions which could include an applicator, Maine Forest Service entomologist or a Board of Pesticide Control toxicologist
	Contact school administration if school grounds are to be included and obtain written permission to include grounds. Bus delays may be required depending on treatment timing
	Suggested but not required at this time:
	 Mail all affected landowners a notice of Intent to Treat and give a seven (7) day response time to be in or out of project
	 Disseminate local notice to inform all residents/landowners and solicit those from outside proposed area to be included
March 15	Official Notice must be mailed to residents in spray area and Allow 30 days to opt in or out

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Written notice of intent to spray to property owners within 500 feet of blocks

April 1

April 20 Final opt-outs marked on maps and property owners that were dropped are notified

Notice in local newspaper of Intent to Spray

Send notices to:

Board of Pesticide Control, Megan Patterson

(207) 592- 0911 Megan.L.Patterson@maine.gov

Maine Poison Control Center (800) 222-1222

Maine State Apiarist, Jennifer Lund

(207) 287-7562 or Jennifer.Lund@maine.gov

(She will contact local beekeepers)

Keep school administration apprised of project as they may need to contact all parents and school personnel about the project

Assess winter mortality

<u>For aerial application</u>: coordinate school bus schedule and timing of aircraft to spray blocks

April 25-May 1 Place posters at entry point to spray blocks

Facebook/Twitter/Cable TV etc. to air notice of potential spray times

Notify Public Safety personnel of potential spray date and need for early morning traffic control

<u>For aerial application</u>: personnel coordinating aircraft should familiarize themselves with start and stop blocks and no spray areas

May 1-25 **Likely time for pesticide application**

Contact residents in spray block who have a chemical sensitivity

Final notice to chemically sensitive people

<u>For aerial application</u>: mark the no spray areas for pilot and aid pilot in location of spray blocks. Coordinate with Public Safety personnel and aircraft

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