

What the New Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine Means for You

Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), *Lycorma delicatula*, is a threat to Pennsylvania and the United States. It lays egg masses of 30-50 eggs wherever there's a flat surface, and adults and nymphs can fly, hop, or drop into a vehicle – meaning that vehicles and equipment can easily pack this pest and help it spread quickly. Therefore, a general quarantine over any area found to harbor the SLF means that any material or object that can spread the pest cannot be moved without taking precautions to prevent that spread.

Current Quarantine Counties:

Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, and Schuylkill

Examples of Regulated Articles:

- Any living life stage of the SLF.
- Landscaping, remodeling or construction waste.
- Firewood of any species.
- Packing materials (e.g., wood crates).
- All plants and plant parts including logs, stumps or any tree parts.
- Outdoor household articles like RVs, lawn mowers, chairs, grills, tarps, tile, stone, deck boards, and trucks or other vehicles not stored indoors.

Homeowners – To move regulated articles, complete a compliance checklist, which indicates you inspected and know that no living life stage of SLF is present.

Business, Municipalities, Government Agencies – A permit for those located or working within the quarantine, who move vehicles, products or other conveyances within or out of the quarantine. The permit requires training and passing a test to demonstrate a working knowledge and understanding of the pest and quarantine requirements. Training of employees, inspection of vehicles and products, and removal of living life stages of SLF must be completed. The permit shows you have the understanding to identify the pest and can ensure the items you transport aren't carrying it.

Those with current compliance agreements may continue to utilize the agreement and certificates issued until contacted by PA Department of Agriculture.

To Obtain a Permit for Business, Municipalities, Government Agencies:

Managers, supervisors, or persons with authority for your agency work group must receive approved training. Training is available online or at a training session sponsored by PSU Extension, PA Department of Agriculture, or individuals who have participated in the “Train the Trainer” sponsored by the Department.

- Online permit training can be found at <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>
- A designated manager or supervisor taking the multiple-choice exam provided by the Department must receive a passing grade of at least 70 percent. The agency name, number of company vehicles and/or conveyances, address, and contact information is required to complete the exam.
- The manager or supervisor taking the exam agrees to train *all* employees in the work group to identify the pest and prevent it from being on products, vehicles and other conveyances.
- The permit will be delivered after confirmation of passing the exam.
- The permit must be kept inside the agency vehicle when working within the quarantine.
- Recordkeeping of training, inspection of vehicles, and control measures taken (such as vehicle washes, destruction of living lanternfly, etc.) must be maintained for a minimum of two years.
- Contractors and subcontractors working within the quarantine for commonwealth agencies are required to have a permit.

Treatment of Infested Property:

The Plant Pest Act of 1992 states: “It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to permit any plant pest so declared to exist on his premises.”

- Property owners are responsible for controlling or eliminating any life stage of SLF on their property, vehicles, and equipment.
- Control may include physical destruction of SLF (scraping egg masses, washing vehicles, etc.), banding, pesticide application and/or removing Tree of Heaven.
- All control methods must adhere to the Department’s requirements.
- Property owners may treat their own property or hire a licensed pesticide applicator or other authorized agency to treat.
- The Department may, at its discretion and subject to availability of resources, provide control measures on a property.
- Property owners are responsible to continue to treat for SLF as long as it exists on the property or until the quarantine is rescinded.

For Additional Information:

- PDA: http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/PlantIndustry/Entomology/spotted_lanternfly/Pages/default.aspx
- Penn State: <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>
- To report possible SLF: 1-888-4BAD-FLY (1-888-422-3359) or <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>