



# Protect with a Permit!

## Spotted Lanternfly Permit Requirements and Guidance

Spotted lanternfly (SLF) is an invasive insect from Asia currently found in Pennsylvania (PA) and some neighboring states. This pest threatens important agricultural commodities including grape, hardwood, fruit trees, landscape and nursery industries that contribute \$19-25 billion dollars annually to PA's economy.

The PA Department of Agriculture issued a Spotted Lanternfly Order of Quarantine and Treatment to stop the movement of SLF to new areas within or outside of the quarantine, and to slow its spread within the quarantine.

**All agricultural and non-agricultural businesses, agencies, and organizations** working within the quarantine, which move products, vehicles or other conveyances within or out of the quarantine are required to obtain an SLF permit. Businesses located in SLF infested areas of other states must also have a permit if traveling or transporting goods into PA.

The permit process:

- The permit process requires managers and/or supervisors to complete the online permit course to demonstrate a working knowledge and understanding of the pest and quarantine requirements. The permit course will teach the participant how to protect their businesses, customers and communities from SLF.
- After successful completion of the permit course, that person is considered a trainer and will be responsible for training all employees for whom the trainer is responsible on what to look for and how to safeguard against moving spotted lanternfly on products, vehicles and other conveyances.
- The course includes educational materials and other resources that may be used or adapted for employee training and documentation purposes. Individual employees should not take the online permit course.
- The free online course is located on the Penn State Extension website:  
<https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-permit-training>
- The course may be completed in one session or in increments as the participant's schedule permits.
- Print the certificate of completion; copy and use as a temporary permit(s). The official permit will be mailed in 2-3 weeks.
- Permittees should then train employees and provide them with a permit copy. Employee training PowerPoints are available through Penn State:  
<https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-permit-training-powerpoint-slides>
- Recordkeeping of training, inspection of vehicles, and control measures taken (such as destruction of living lanternfly, etc.) must be maintained for a minimum of two years.

For more information about SLF, visit [agriculture.pa.gov/spottedlanternfly](http://agriculture.pa.gov/spottedlanternfly)

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