Reporting Spotted Lanternfly

- Take pictures of the insect, egg masses, or infestation. Include something in the photograph for scale, such as a coin or pen.
- Collect the insect and place it in a freezer or a jar with rubbing alcohol/hand sanitizer.
- Note the location (address, intersecting roads, or GPS coordinates), shipping information, and any other relevant information.
- Email the information to: spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov

Contact Information

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Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) is an invasive insect from Asia that primarily feeds on Tree-of-Heaven. It feeds on a wide variety of plants, trees and crops, such as grape, hops, apple, maple, walnut, and others. SLF can threaten New York's agricultural, forest, recreation, and tourism industries and can impact farmers, residents, transport companies, travelers, outdoor enthusiasts, and other individuals.

Where to Spot SLF

SLF can be transported on outdoor goods and equipment. SLF can also hitchhike in vehicles. Look for SLF on:

- Landscaping, remodeling, or construction materials and waste.
- Packing materials, such as wood crates or boxes.
- All plants and plant parts, including, but not limited to, nursery stock, green lumber, fruit and produce, and other material, such as roots, branches, and mulch.
- Outdoor household articles, including, but not limited to, tarps, tile, stone, deck boards, and mobile fire pits.

SLF Quarantine

A quarantine is in place on counties in states known to have a SLF infestation—Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Maryland. The quarantine restricts the movement of goods and outdoor products. For a list of quarantine counties within these states, please visit agriculture.ny.gov/spottedlanternfly.

If you transport goods across state lines, here's what you need to know.

Transporting Goods from Quarantine Areas

Companies transporting goods from quarantine areas should remember the following:

- A certificate of inspection or permit is required. These will be checked by the appropriate New York State agencies.
- Trucks must be inspected before they leave the quarantine area, and when they arrive to their destination. If SLF are found, report it to spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov.

Transporting Goods to Quarantine Areas

Companies transporting goods to a quarantine area should remember the following:

- Avoid stopping within quarantine areas other than for deliveries, emergencies, fueling, and when necessary due to traffic.
- Trucks must be inspected prior to leaving the quarantine area and should be inspected again upon return.
  - Complete an inspection certificate from the state department of agriculture from the originating state for that load/truck. Present both the checklist and a copy of your SLF permit to regulatory staff for inspection when requested.
  - If SLF are found in New York, report it to spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov.
- If applicable, you may also need to:
  - Obtain a nursery certificate/permit from a licensed nursery for nursery stock.
  - Obtain an inspection certificate or permit for Christmas trees.

Receiving Goods from Quarantine Areas

Companies receiving landscape or other materials from quarantine areas should:

- Double-check the materials, packaging, and conveyance for SLF adults, juveniles, and eggs.
- Report any findings of SLF, in any life stage, to spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov.

SLF Permits, Certificates, and Training

Each state department of agriculture has its own permits. For more information, please visit agriculture.ny.gov/spottedlanternfly. The Department will recognize the Pennsylvania permit as valid for items coming from any SLF-regulated areas, regardless of the state of origin. A free two-hour SLF permit training is available at: https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-permit-training.