



Contractors Guide to the Spotted Lanternfly



Human assisted movement, mainly due to vehicles and transported materials, has been responsible for increased spotted lanternfly dispersal.

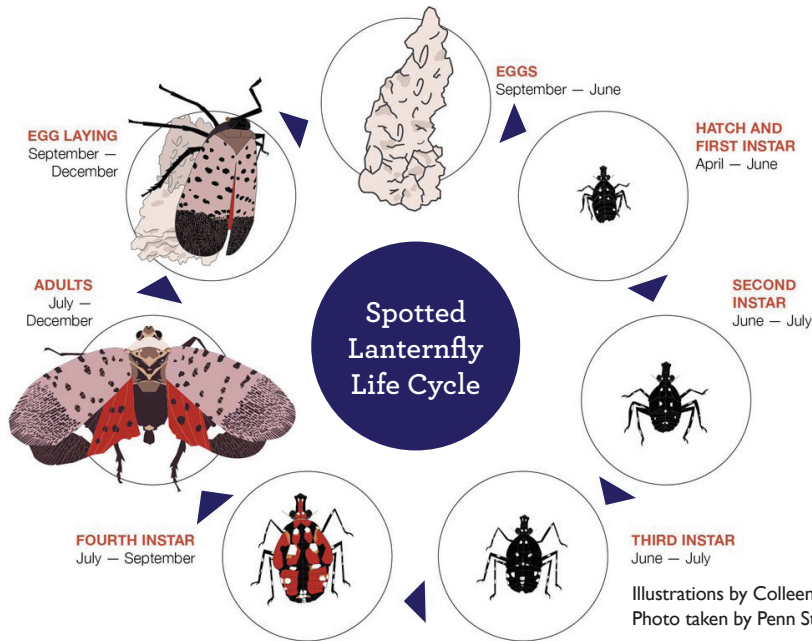


Photo taken by Bill Ulrich in Berks County



Photos taken by Schneider Associates



Spotted Lanternfly eggs and insects can be found on any surface including: cars, stones, wooden posts and buildings.

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Permitting and Enforcements

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has released an *Order of Quarantine and Treatment* effective May 28, 2018 stating all businesses within Bucks County are required to obtain a permit to move/transport/ and or work within or out of the quarantine.

How to Obtain a Permit: Visit the Penn State Extension website: <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-permit-training>. This permit is not limited to individual vehicles it can cover an entire fleet. However, only one recipient is required to register for a permit.

Non-Compliance Penalties:

- Criminal citation up to \$300 per violation.
- Civil penalty up to \$20,000 per violation.

Road Side Inspections: Occurring at weigh stations, authorities will check for permits and noncompliance. Violators will be subject to fines under PDA's Order of Quarantine and Treatment.

Construction Site Hotspots

Staging Areas: Park vehicles and stage equipment 15 feet away from affected trees. All windows must be closed to ensure no SLF entry.

Loading Docks: Permits are required for moving equipment and goods within and outside a particular work site.

Onsite Clearing and Grubbing Areas:

- Remove any Tree-of-Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)
- Spray roots/areas around the host tree with herbicide. Typical spray volume is generally 50 gallons/acre.
- Chip the removed tree trunks in 1"x 1" pieces
- Burn the chipped material to kill future saplings
- **ANY/ALL TREE MATERIAL MAY NOT BE SOLD OR TRANSPORTED WITHOUT PDA APPROVAL.**

* Most companies will have compliance agreements already, but if not established please contact your Regional Plant Inspector at 610-489-1003

Onsite Management

On Site Material Inspections: Items found on the construction site i.e. shipping containers, pallets, E&S controls, building materials, silt socks, etc., **MUST** be examined before transportation or removal from site.

Vehicle Inspections: To mitigate the transportation of the SLF, it is imperative before leaving a worksite to check for eggs and insects. Doors, wheel wells, grills, bumpers, sides, and roofs are all common locations. If eggs are found, destroy immediately.

Questions? Contact SLFPermit@pa.gov or 717-787-5674 for any permitting concerns or visit the PSU extension website for more information.