

Spotted Lanternfly - How to Spot & What to Do!

Please be advised that the Township has been contacted by the Dept. of Agriculture to confirm that East Allen Township is officially listed on their website as "Quarantined". A representative from the Dept. of Ag. will be contacting the Township in the next week to fully explain what this all means. Please check back for further information as it is provided to the Township.

The Spotted Lanternfly is an exotic insect pest native to China, India and Vietnam. Already established as a pest in Korea since 2004. This invasive insect was first found and introduced to the state of Pennsylvania, Berks County in 2014. Currently restricted to eastern Pennsylvania, the Spotted Lanternfly is subject to control and eradication efforts. Risks of the Spotted Lanternfly movement come from transportation of firewood, outdoor equipment, timber and woody debris.

Upon determination that the potential impact to Pennsylvania's agricultural economy and natural resources was great, the PA Department of Agriculture issued a quarantine with the intent to restrict the movement of the Spotted Lanternfly. A handful of Townships and Boroughs in eastern Pennsylvania are under a limited movement quarantine as the Department and its federal, state and local and non-governmental cooperators develop a strategy to eliminate this pest from the Commonwealth. The PA Department of Agriculture has updated the Quarantine Map to include the municipalities of Coplay Borough and Whitehall Township. The quarantine may be expanded to new areas as further detections of the Spotted Lanternfly are detected and confirmed.

[Current Quarantine Map \(August 14, 2017\)](#)

A member of the USDA visited the Township office this week with information on "What to Do" if you encounter this invasive insect. If you see egg masses, scrape them off, double bag them and throw them away. You can also place the eggs into alcohol or hand sanitizer to kill them. Please report all destroyed egg masses on the Department of Agriculture's website, www.agriculture.pa.gov/Protect/PlantIndustry/spotted_lanternfly:

COLLECT THE SPECIMEN: Specimens of any life stage may be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Entomology Lab for verification. [Click here for the PA Dept. of Agriculture Entomology Submission Form](#)

TAKE A PICTURE: A photograph of any life stage (including egg masses) can be submitted to Badbug@pa.gov.

REPORT A SITE: If you can't take a specimen or photograph, call the Automated Invasive Species Report Line 1-866-253-7189 and leave a message detailing your sighting and contact information.

Please note, more information will be made available as it is reported to us.