

Don't Let This Bug Stop Your Business!

Spotted Lanternfly Permit Requirements and Guidance

On May 26, 2018, a new Spotted Lanternfly Order of Quarantine and Treatment was published in the PA Bulletin. The quarantine is in place to stop the movement of Spotted Lanternfly to new areas within or out of the current quarantine zone and to slow its spread within the quarantine. The quarantine affects a variety of vehicles and other conveyances, plant, wood, and stone products.

The following counties are currently under quarantine: Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Dauphin, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, and Schuylkill

For businesses, agencies, and organizations, a Spotted Lanternfly permit is required for those working within the quarantine, who move vehicles, products or other conveyances within or out of the quarantine.

The permit process:

- There is no cost to businesses to obtain a permit.
- 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 online course and exam are 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.
- During registration, each manager/supervisor taking the course enters the number of permits he/she is responsible for overseeing.
- The course includes educational materials and other resources that may be used or adapted for employee training and documentation purposes.
- After successful completion of the permit course, that person is considered a trainer and will be responsible for training all employees on what to look for and how to safeguard against moving spotted lanternfly on products, vehicles and other conveyances.

Individual employees should not take the online permit course.

- Print the certificate of completion; copy and use as a temporary permit(s). Official permit(s) will be mailed in 2-3 weeks.
- 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.
- Direct additional questions to SLFPERMIT@pa.gov.