



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SPOTTED LANTERNFLY COOPERATIVE CONTROL PROGRAM

URGENT NOTICE

Dear Resident/Homeowner:

The invasive insect, spotted lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*), has been found on or near your residence. Please be advised that this pest has the potential to impact the quality of life in your community. It will feed on a range of different trees that may be in your yard or along the roadside. Because of the risk to agricultural crops like grapes, fruit trees, and forests, there is a quarantine in place to help prevent the human-assisted movement of the pest. The spotted lanternfly travels very easily by "hitching a ride" on vehicles and materials that have been stored outdoors (lumber, playground equipment, grills, landscaping materials, tools, etc.).

The United States Department of Agriculture has determined that the *Ailanthus altissima* tree(s) on your property are impacted with spotted lanternfly. We are seeking your consent for treatment with a combination of herbicide and/or insecticide. Only this species of tree is targeted for treatment because it is also a non-native host of the pest. There is no charge for this service.

Small trees will receive treatment with triclopyr herbicide so that they will die. Large trees will be treated with dinotefuran insecticide so that spotted lanternfly will continue to feed on this primary host. In turn, the pest will ingest this chemical application. Significant kill has been observed in nearby areas where heavy infestation by the sap-sucking spotted lanternfly has occurred. The results of these treatments are encouraging. Research and regulation provide for proper application of these chemicals in order to see results.

To help to prevent further dispersal of this invasive insect, we need to treat the host trees on public and private property within your neighborhood. Your cooperation is being asked to aid us in this effort by consenting to have the host trees on your property treated. **Please complete and return the enclosed treatment release form to the address on the release form.**

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call our local office at (484)373-5917. To learn more about the spotted lanternfly and control methods, visit <https://aphis.usda.gov/hungrypests/slf> or <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

TREATMENT RELEASE FORM
 PENNSYLVANIA SPOTTED LANTERNFLY COOPERATIVE ERADICATION PROGRAM

I, _____, residing at _____
First and Last Name Street Address

Town or City State Zip Code

Agree to participate in the treatment program for *Ailanthus altissima*, the host tree for the invasive pest, spotted lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*). I understand that there is no cost for this service. The treatment protocol is described in the annexed material. I certify that I am the owner or person in charge of the property and trees located at the above address, or at the following address: (Identify the location of the trees if different from the above address).

Street Address Town or City State Zip Code

And grant permission to enter the premises for the sole purpose to treat the host tree of the Spotted Lanternfly. I give permission to the employees and agents of the cooperating entities (United States Department of Agriculture, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture), and any firms including contractors and sub-contractors hired to treat the trees. Entities shall be fully insured and possess proper pesticide handling certification. If the properties and trees located at the above address are owned by a corporation or partnership or individual other than me, I certify that I have the authority to execute this instrument on behalf of such corporation, partnership, or individual.

Dated: _____
Month, Day & Year

Signature

Printed Name of Signatory

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO:

USDA APHIS PPQ
 Spotted Lanternfly Program
 3765 Nicholas St. Unit B
 Easton, PA 18045

Phone: () _____ - _____
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OR SCAN AND EMAIL TO:

Tammy.Craig@usda.gov

If you have *any questions* regarding this form, please contact your local **Spotted Lanternfly** office at **484-373-5917** and **484-373-5916**.