Spotted Lanternfly Treatment Program Information

Treatment Priorities

The goal of the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) cooperative treatment program is to slow the spread of this destructive pest. When conducting treatments, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) prioritize treatments to maximize the use of limited resources:

- In the generally infested areas of Frederick County and the City of Winchester, transportation corridors and other high-risk sites are prioritized in an attempt to limit the long distance spread within Virginia and into other states.
- The cooperative treatment program also prioritizes outlying, isolated populations to prevent these populations from expanding and to limit the spread from these sites to un-infested areas.

How Do I Know if My Property is Scheduled for Treatment?

The SLF cooperative treatment program requires written permission from property owners before survey and treatment activities can begin. **Signing the agreement is the first step in the treatment process, but does not guarantee treatment.** Property owners will be contacted by staff from VDACS, USDA, or the VDACS contractor, if their properties are scheduled for treatment. This notification may be by phone or email.

What Can I Do?

- **Kill any Spotted Lanternfly you find!**
  Stomp, squash, squish, squeeze, slap, spray, scrape, smash, or otherwise destroy SLF when you find it! It is a much bigger problem than any one or two agencies can tackle. It will take all of us! Join the effort and kill SLF when you find them. For control recommendations see the Virginia Tech website for Spotted Lanternfly: https://resources.ext.vt.edu/contentdetail?contentid=2076.
- If you are outside the City of Winchester and Frederick County, take a picture or collect a sample of SLF after you have killed them and contact your local Extension Agent (https://ext.vt.edu/offices.html).