



Spotted Lanternfly Volunteers Needed



Penn State Extension is recruiting property owners to trap and destroy the spotted lanternfly in the quarantined areas of Berks, Bucks, Chester and Montgomery Counties. To participate, volunteers must own property with a confirmed population of spotted lanternfly and have *Ailanthus altissima* (tree of heaven) trees.

Participants are needed to hand sticky bands on their trees to catch the insects, change the bands every two weeks from May through December, and add the results of their catch into an on-line database.

It will take an estimated 15 to 20 minutes of time to service a single band, count, and enter data. Five bands could take about an hour. Participants must also agree to schedule pickup of spent bands for proper disposal by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA).

The lanternfly, discovered in Eastern Berks County in 2014, poses a threat to crops.

Three volunteer training sessions are scheduled:

Friday, April 29, 10 a.m. to noon at District Township office, 202 Weil Road, Boyertown

Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. to noon at District Township office, 202 Weil Road, Boyertown

Friday, May 6, 10 a.m. to noon at Upper Hanover Township office, 17014 Pillsbury Rd, East Greenville

For more information, call the Lehigh County Extension office at 610-391-9840, or email your name, address and phone number to LehighExt@psu.edu to register for a training session. If you can't make one of the scheduled training sessions, let us know and we will work to make other arrangements.

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