**Spotted Lanternfly Frequently Asked Questions**

**I will be driving through the PA Quarantine Zone but not planning on stopping. Do I need a permit?**

If you do not stop in the PA Quarantine Zone for business or for anything except quick stops (i.e., fueling and traffic control), you are not required to have a permit or to perform an inspection.

**Are buses in the quarantine zone required to have a permit? What if they are only entering the Quarantine Zone for field trips, sporting events, etc.?**

Buses are required to have permits if they travel normal routes and if traveling for special events.

**Where do I find the online course for employee training?**

The Penn State Learning Resource Network (<http://lrn.psu.edu/>) has the course for most employees; it is titled *EHS – Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine Requirements Training*. It takes about 20 minutes to complete.

 If you are the Spotted Lanternfly Designated Employee for your unit please take *the Penn State Extension Spotted Lanternfly Awareness* at <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-permit-training>. This training takes about two hours. If you have problems accessing the Penn State Extension Course, contact Penn State Extension Help @ 1-877-345-0691 or through their online form <https://extension.psu.edu/contacts>. They will be able to assist you through the process.

**Where on/in the vehicle is the permit required to be placed?**

Hang tag permits can be displayed on the review mirror while the vehicle is parked. You may remove it while in motion. Hangtags may also be kept inside the vehicle on the dashboard. If you have a paper permit it can be kept in the glove compartment. Drivers need to show the assigned permit if stopped at a checkpoint.

**There is a section that says “Inspector” on the permit, is this to be filled in?**

PA Department of Agriculture Regional staff (Plant Inspectors and Regional Supervisors) conduct permit classes and issue permits to attendees. The permits issued in those situations are initialed by the Inspector. You may use that block for something else if you would like, or simply leave it blank.

**I already have the SLF Permit but need additional permits. How do I obtain additional permits?**

Send requests to SLFPermit@pa.gov. Include the business name, address and person responsible and the number of additional permits needed.

**What are the documentation and recordkeeping requirements?**

Records of training (both the Spotted Lanternfly Designated Employee and other employees) must be kept until the Quarantine is listed. Vehicle inspection records must be maintained for a minimum of two years. The annual self-audit (maintained by the Spotted Lanternfly Designated Employee) needs to be available for the current year.

**Do I have to use the inspection format in the program documents?**

If you can incorporate the SLF checks into existing paperwork, please do so. There is no required inspection template.

**Do drivers need to inspect their shipment at every stop within the quarantine zone, or just**

**at the beginning and end of the delivery day within the quarantine zone?**

Drivers should complete and log pre- and post-trip inspections. During the day, advise them to have situational awareness. For example: Drivers should conduct inspections/mitigations as needed through the work day, such as during swarming.

 **If I only travel within one quarantined county, do I need to conduct SLF inspections?**

Yes. The SLF populations are not equally distributed. We want to prevent spreading from areas of high populations to those with low or no populations and prevent the re-infestation of treated areas.

**My campus is in the Quarantine Zone. If I only am driving on my campus, do I need to conduct SLF inspections?**

No. They are only required when you leave the campus, however, we want to prevent spreading even across a campus, so being aware of their presence and ensuring that they don’t travel with the vehicle makes sense.

**There are employees at my campus that live in the Quarantine Zone and drive to work in their own vehicles. Are they required to comply with the Quarantine requirements?**

No. The Quarantine only applies to businesses so as long as they are not using a university vehicle they are not covered by the requirements. That said, everyone that lives in the Quarantine Zone should be aware of the Spotted Lanternfly and make every effort to avoid transporting it in/on their vehicle.

**Are inspections required in winter?**

After adults have died off in winter (December), clean equipment and conduct an SLF inspection. Remove any dead adults. Remove and destroy any egg masses. Document your efforts. No further inspections are required in the winter. Resume inspections in May when spring hatch begins.

**I do not have the ability to complete this required inspection. What should I do?**

You should complete the inspection to the best of your ability. If there is anyone nearby that can assist, please ask for help.

**Where will inspections occur for the SLF permit? Will they be located at weigh-in and other inspection areas?**

Inspections will take place at weigh in and other inspection stations.

**How often will shipments/trucks be stopped?**

Inspections will be conducted on a periodic basis as determined by PDA. Timing and frequency depend in part on the SLF life cycle and habits.

**Who is doing the inspections, and what are they looking for? (Are they checking for permit compliance only, or are they also inspecting for SLF?)**

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) will conduct the inspections for SLF in cooperation with Pennsylvania State Police (PSP).  PSP may also check for other violations under their authority.

**What are the fines associated with not being in compliance with the required permit?**

A penalty matrix is in development.

The Pennsylvania [SLF Quarantine Order](https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/PlantIndustry/Entomology/spotted_lanternfly/quarantine/Documents/SLF%20Q%20Order%205-2018.pdf) Article VII lists the following:

* Criminal citation up to $300 per violation.
* Civil penalty up to $20,000 per violation.
* Revocation of permit or compliance agreement if PDA determines the holder has not complied.

**If the quarantine counties are expanded, how will I know?**

Quarantine expansions are made public by the PA Department of Agriculture through press releases and in the PA Bulletin. This information will be disseminated by Penn State.

**If a fine is given out, is it the business or the individual that is fined or both?**

The business will certainly know of any violations associated to the permit. If PDA determines there was a failure of training, recording keeping, etc. on the part of the business, the fine is issued to the company. Each area may determine what if any action they put on the employee.

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