

West Virginia Department of Agriculture Spotted Lanternfly Information

Spotted Lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*) is an invasive insect pest that is spreading across many areas of the eastern United States. This destructive pest feeds on many desirable plant species such as grapes, black walnut, and maples. The insects also swarm in large numbers around homes and businesses. The West Virginia Department of Agriculture asks that you do the following to help mitigate the spread and effects of this pest in West Virginia.

- Check your luggage and vehicle (both inside and out) for spotted lanternfly egg masses, nymphs, and adults.
- Look for spotted lanternfly, particularly when you are spending time outdoors and report any that you find to the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (bugbusters@wvda.us).
- Crush any spotted lanternfly that you find in West Virginia and report it to the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (bugbusters@wvda.us).
- For more information about this pest, please visit [Spotted Lanternfly : West Virginia Department of Agriculture \(wv.gov\)](https://www.wvda.gov/Spotted-Lanternfly)
- To report your sighting, send an e-mail to the West Virginia Department of Agriculture invasive species detection account at bugbusters@wvda.us. You can also call to report at 304-558-2212. If possible, please submit a photo.

