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July 19, 2022

Nelson County  
County Administrator  
P.O. Box 336  
Lovingston, VA 22949

Dear County Administrator,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the regulated area of Virginia's *Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine* has been expanded effective July 8, 2022. The current quarantine includes the following cities and counties; Buena Vista, Charlottesville, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Lynchburg, Manassas, Manassas Park, Staunton, Waynesboro, Winchester, Albemarle, Augusta, Carroll, Clark, Frederick, Page, Prince William, Rockingham, Rockbridge, Shenandoah, Warren, and Wythe. The jurisdictions in blue were added to the regulated area on July 8.

Spotted Lanternfly is a native insect of Asia and prefers feeding on Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), but will also feed on over 100 different plants including grapes, peaches, apples, maples, walnuts, and hops. It is a particular threat to vineyards. In addition, the spotted lanternfly is a serious nuisance pest to homeowners when it is present in high numbers.

Spotted lanternfly has the potential to spread to un-infested areas, either through natural means or through artificial spread. To help prevent the artificial spread of spotted lanternfly, businesses located or working in the cities and counties listed above, must now follow requirements of the Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine. Under provisions of the quarantine, regulated articles are prohibited from moving out of the quarantined area unless in accordance with requirements of a Spotted Lanternfly Permit.

The Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine requires businesses to obtain a permit and to ensure that regulated articles are free from spotted lanternfly. Businesses must follow all conditions of the permit which include completing a VDACS-approved training on spotted lanternfly, training staff on how to identify and kill the invasive insect when found, inspect regulated articles, maintain inspection records and maintain training records. To obtain a spotted lanternfly permit, completion of an [online training course](#) is required and businesses must then [apply](#) for the permit with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Plant Industry Services. Information on where to take the training, how to obtain a permit, and additional permitting steps can be found at the following webpage: <https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/plant-industry-services-spotted-lanternfly.shtml>. Several copies of the

Spotted Lanternfly Permit Program flyer have also been included with this mailing for your reference and distribution. Additional copies of this flyer can be supplied upon request.

Please contact our office at [SpottedLanternfly@vdacs.virginia.gov](mailto:SpottedLanternfly@vdacs.virginia.gov) or (804) 786-3515, or visit <https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/plant-industry-services-spotted-lanternfly.shtml> for more information regarding the Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine and how to obtain a spotted lanternfly permit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Gianino". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Gianino  
Program Manager, Office of Plant Industry Services

Enclosures: Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine Map  
Spotted Lanternfly Permit Program flyer

# Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine

**2022 Additions** ■

**Original Quarantine** ■

- Albermarle County
- Augusta County
- Carroll County
- Page County
- Prince William County
- Rockingham County
- Rockbridge County
- Shenandoah County
- Wythe County
- City of Buena Vista
- City of Charlottesville
- City of Harrisonburg
- City of Lexington
- City of Lynchburg
- City of Manassas
- City of Manassas Park
- City of Staunton
- City of Waynesboro

- Clarke County
- Frederick County
- Warren County
- City of Winchester

