

Rutgers Community:

Please be advised that we are approaching the seasons where the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) will be most prevalent. Rutgers University takes great pride in the amount of trees, plants and different species located throughout our campuses. Due to the amount of trees, especially on Cook Campus and the Eco-preserve on Livingston Campus, it is impossible to successfully eradicate all the eggs and nymphs of the SLF. Whenever egg masses are seen on our trees, etc. then we will take measures to eliminate them. Student Groups have been using banding of trees to help with the nymphal stage of SLF. For more information from the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, please visit their web site on the SLF: <https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/pests-diseases/spotted-lanternfly/>

Rutgers website for SLF:
[Spotted Lanternfly \(Rutgers NJAES\)](#)

Currently, there is no commercially available biological control option available for SLF. Chemical Control has not proven to be widely effective and in some cases can adversely affect water, trees, plants and insects (such as pollinators). More research is ongoing and we are hopeful that a solution to control this invasive insect will be discovered in the near future. These Spotted Lanternfly poses no threat to humans or pets. We encourage the Rutgers community to Join the Battle, Beat the Bug! Stomp It Out!

Thank you for your assistance.

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