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SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

New Truck Permits and Training Required if you Travel in PA or NJ. Have you ever heard of the Spotted Lanternfly? This little insect is a dangerous pest that can destroy trees and agriculture, with the potential to greatly impact the grape, hops and logging industries and can easily spread to other areas. **It's also about to turn the trucking industry on its ear if you travel into certain areas of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, where it's been spotted.**

The Spotted Lanternfly can jump and fly short distances. They spread primarily through human activity, often hitching rides to new areas when they lay their eggs on vehicles, firewood, outdoor furniture, stone, etc. and are inadvertently transported to new areas. **To prevent the spread of the Spotted Lanternfly, a series of quarantined areas that will impact your trucks have been designated in the affected states.**

At this point, the primary impacted areas are in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. **If your vehicles stop in the quarantine zones for any purpose (other than for refueling or at a traffic signal), including to take a rest break, you are required to obtain training and a permit.** The training and permits are **FREE** and can be completed online; however, effective May 1, the Pennsylvania State Police and Department of Agriculture will begin hard enforcement with roadside stops and penalties issued for non-compliance.

Please go to <https://bit.ly/2IGJQzQ> for a list of the affected counties and how to obtain a permit and training.