



LEHIGH COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (LCCD)

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY CONTROL AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

LCCD's Spotted Lanternfly Control and Education Program is now providing resources to townships to address the anticipated spring hatch of spotted lanternflies. The goal of this program is to reduce the impact of this species within Lehigh County and protect our bordering counties and states from further spread of this invasive species.

The district knows that successful control for this invasive pest and host plant (Tree of Heaven) will involve a coordinated effort and is therefore fostering partnerships with townships and the community to offer educational resources, mitigation tools, and funding. Funding for this district program is made available by the State Conservation Commission through a grant from the PA Department of Agriculture. **The following resources are available:**

Funding for Herbicide or Insecticide Control Projects: LCCD can provide townships with monetary resources to assist with implementation of herbicide and insecticide control projects

Spotted Lanternfly Sticky Tree Bands: Designed to trap hatching insects as they make their way up and down trees, LCCD has a supply of sticky tree bands for township and residential use

Spotted Lanternfly Education Programming: Education trainings are now available to townships and community groups and homeowners. These sessions provide up to date information regarding the quarantine and how to control for the spread of this pest on public and private property

Spotted Lanternfly Education Handouts: Several informational brochures along with egg scraping cards and awareness signage are available for townships to provide as handouts for residents

To secure one or more of these resources or for more information please contact:

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Lehigh County C.O.G. MEETING

Vector Borne Disease Control Update

- For the year **2019** the **PA DEP** has granted funds to the **Lehigh County Conservation District** to conduct a regional vector borne disease control program for Lehigh and Northampton Counties.
- The program remains the same in the services it provides county residents with one addition.
- In 2019, tick surveys will be conducted; samples collected will be tested for the causative agents of tick-borne illnesses.
- If officials or county residents have any questions or concerns regarding the program or the services it provides during the 2019 season please contact the conservation district and myself or a staff member will get back to them. *Vector borne disease control studies and modern integrated pest management strategies serve to help protect both the public and the environment within the commonwealth. The core components of these efforts include education to increase public awareness of the threats associated with vectors and vector borne diseases; field surveys to identify and quantify geographic areas where these threats occur; site mitigation and source reduction techniques to eliminate habitat and harborage areas as well as control efforts to suppress identified threats when necessary. In this way our resources are best utilized to accomplish our goal of improving the quality of life for all Pennsylvania residents.*

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