



Do I Need a Permit?

Spotted Lanternfly permits are required for **Businesses and Organizations** if you are moving within or from the quarantine zone in the course of your work.

Examples:

1. A tax preparation business has an office within the quarantine zone. Employees drive their personal cars to work and work in the office all day. The business has no company cars, and is not actively moving products.

This business does not need a permit. (However, employees are encouraged to complete and carry a [compliance checklist](#) in their own vehicles.)

2. A potato chip company has a manufacturing facility in the quarantine zone that packages pallets of product, and ships either in its own fleet of trucks or with common carriers.

This business needs a permit.

The company should designate one or more supervisors/managers in charge of warehousing or trucking to take the [permit training and exam](#), and request enough permits to cover all vehicles under his/her authority. That designated person should then train all workers in the product movement/transport stream and maintain a record of who has been trained. They should place a permit in each company vehicle, along with documentation to show that inspections are being done and control measures (such as vehicle washes) are done at appropriate times to keep spotted lanternfly from moving with the product or vehicle. Training and inspection/control records must be kept for two years.

3. The PA Department of Agriculture (PDA) has a regional office within the quarantine zone. In the course of their duties, some regional staff drive state vehicles within the zone, and some drive in and out of the quarantine zone.

This organization needs a permit.

A designated regional employee should take the permit training and exam, requesting enough permits for all vehicles in the work group. The designated employee then trains others in the group, maintains the training record, and provides the permits to be in each vehicle. Each vehicle should carry a log to track Spotted Lanternfly inspection or control measure activities. Records must be kept for two years.

4. A business based in western Pennsylvania, outside the quarantine zone, routinely delivers truckloads of product to New Jersey, also outside any quarantine area. The truck drives through the quarantine area but does not stop to load or unload any product.

This business does not need a permit. (*However, the business should consider securing the truck and load from hitchhiking Spotted Lanternfly.*)

5. An agricultural business that is based outside the quarantine zone routinely delivers produce to a retail distribution center in the quarantine zone. The truck stops in the zone, unloads product, may or may not load material for the return trip.

This business needs a permit.

This business, although it is based outside the quarantine zone, needs to have a Spotted Lanternfly permit.

Even if you do not need a permit, PDA encourages everyone to take advantage of training -- in meetings or on the web -- from [Penn State](#) or [PDA](#).

- Know how to identify Spotted lanternfly and its favorite food, the Tree of Heaven.
- Report SLF from areas outside the quarantine.
- If you are in an infested area, don't travel with living lanternfly. Look before you leave!