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SPOTTED LANTERNFLY SEASON UPDATE!!!

Yes, it is spotted lanternfly season. We need to remind residents, please, when putting your lanternfly tape around your trees, take an extra step to put chicken wire or small gauge wire over the exposed tape. ***We received many calls about bats, birds, squirrels, raccoons, opossums, baby owls, snakes, and other wildlife getting stuck to the tape on the trees.*** This tape is so sticky that the animal ultimately ends up dying from the stress of being stuck, or suffers wounds and loss of feathers, fur, or skin and could lead to euthanasia.



With so many baby animals that are now learning to climb trees and explore their new world. Just take an extra moment to make it safe for our wild neighbors.

For more information regarding Tape Use other than Tree of Heaven:

If you are interested in using sticky bands to kill SLF on trees other than tree of heaven, you can purchase a variety of types of sticky bands from several commercial sources. Some companies sell tree banding kits that consist of a roll of tree wrap and a sticky substance to spread onto the wrap. There is a commercially available band that uses a white fiber material to hold the inward-facing sticky side of the band away from the trunk of the tree. This creates a somewhat protected sticky surface which may lower the potential of catching birds and other animals. Tree bands you can make: You can wrap several widths of duct tape around a tree trunk, sticky side facing in, and coat it with a sticky substance such as petroleum jelly. Petroleum jelly can discolor bark or even injure the bark of young trees, so avoid getting it on the bark. For more information see the article at: <https://fyi.uwex.edu/gypsymothinwisconsin/making-a-sticky-barrier-band/> Some residents have used other materials including duct tape with the sticky side facing outward or fly paper, to band their trees. By using sticky bands, people who care for trees can capture and kill many SLF, especially in their early nymphal stages. This is one method that can reduce SLF populations in the infested area. Sticky bands are also useful to monitor for SLF in areas where it has not been found.

For more information about the SLF go to:

www.agriculture.pa.gov/spottedlanternfly <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>

Here we have photos to demonstrate proper tape use:



If you have any questions regarding proper tape use, please feel free to reach out to Bob Piccolo from Public Works, 717-533-2057, OPT 4, or <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly> for further information.