

# Winter is the time to search for Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) Egg Masses!

**Help search for egg masses!** Use SLF or other card, scrape into a zip-lock bag and add a drop of hand sanitizer (or alcohol) and trash. (Eggs scraped to ground may still hatch, no one is sure). They lay on any smooth surfaces: examples - rusty metal (below left), fences (middle) undersides of fences, dead trees (middle right), under awning and eaves of sheds and houses, and often on smooth barked trees: young silver maples (top right), older red maples, cherries, willows, Japanese styraxes, birches, undersides of magnolia branches, and more.

SLF Egg sack on young silver maple. Have found on all maples, and smooth-barked cherries, and more.

**Egg sacks, 30-50 eggs per sack:**  
Variable shapes, mud-like coating. Can be one or many on a tree, dead tree, fence or other smooth surface. Scrape with a card and let fall into bag (or put foil or plastic on ground to catch, see left). Trash, best with alcohol too to be sure to kill.



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## Examples found on Different trees



Left at base of a maple (silver or Norway hybrid, left), roadside (several on the right scraped off already)/

Right: on a young red maple. On older maples, could be on the underside of branches. Below middle left: on a Norway maple



Left: On a European or “bird” or pie cherry tree.

On an ironwood tree (notice “muscle” look).



Underside of side Southern mangnolia branches



## Other places to search



On rocks (above; especially under ivy); bases of trees under ivy

Find underneath branches/trees with a mirror



Undersides of trash

Scraping during the winter with a card, into a ziplock bag



Cut ivy off trees, find underneath

