### WHAT IS AN INVASIVE SPECIES?

An invasive species is one that is not native and whose introduction causes harm or is likely to cause harm to Michigan's economy, environment, or human health.



# YOU CAN HELP PROTECT MICHIGAN'S FORESTS FROM INVASIVE PESTS AND **DISEASES WITH THESE THREE STEPS:**

#### I. EDUCATE

Learn more about invasive species that threaten Michigan forests.

#### 2. REPORT

Report invasive species to your local CISMA. You can also report directly through the MISIN app or website: MISIN.MSU.edu/Report

#### 3. PREVENT

Learn about prevention strategies for individual species at:

# FIND MORE INFORMATION

The Oakland County Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) is a partnership of local cities, villages, townships, county agencies and conservation organizations working to control invasive species. More information is available from your municipality and at:

#### **OAKLAND COUNTY CISMA WEBSITE:**

www.OaklandInvasiveSpecies.org

OAKLAND COUNTY CISMA FACEBOOK PAGE: www.Facebook.com/OCCISMA

MICHIGAN DNR FOREST HEALTH:

MSU EXTENSION - SPONGY MOTHS



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**REPORT FOREST PESTS TO** YOUR LOCAL CISMA!

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# WHY ARE INVASIVE FOREST **PESTS BAD FOR MICHIGAN?**

Forest pests change Michigan's landscape by directly and indirectly damaging native species, inhibiting plant growth and causing tree death. Early detection is vital for the protection of Michigan agriculture, business and forests.

#### **HOW DO FOREST PESTS GET HERE?**

Forest pests are often transported as eggs in or on logs, firewood, timber imports, pallets and through pallet yards, train and rail yards, packing supplies, and outdoor furniture.



Pests can form dense infestations that affect healthy mature trees, suck sap from plants increasing mold growth and defoliate trees. These impacts often lead to tree damage or

death, causing:

Loss of habitat or food sources for

- Loss of tree species diversity
- Hazards from falling limbs or trees
- Tree removal and reforestation costs
- Loss of property value and recreational opportunities
- Increased erosion along streams and lakes

**Hemlock Woolly Adelgid** Adelges tsugae Watch List Species Detected in Michigan Look for hemlock woolly adelgids throughout winter.

## **BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THESE INVASIVE FOREST PESTS AND DISEASES!**

There are different types of forest pests and diseases to keep an eye on. Reporting them and preventing their establishment is critical to protecting Michigan's landscapes.



EECH LEAF DISEASE

**Spotted Lantern Fly** 

Lycorma delicatula Watch List Species Not detected in Michigan

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**Emerald Ash Borer** Agrilus planipennis

**Prohibited Species\*** Established in Michigan

Look for D-shaped holes in ash tree bark. (Not necessary to report this species)



**Beech Bark Disease** (caused by scale insect and fungus) Cryptococcus fagisuga & Neonectria spp. Detected in Michigan Look for fuzzy white spots coating bark and branches (insect), or red fungal spores in clusters on bark (fungus).

Spongy moth Lymantria dispar Established in Michigan Left: male moth Right: female moth

See link on back for more info)

HEMLOCK WOOLLY

#### Oak Wilt

(caused by fungus) Bretziella fagacearum Detected in Michigan Look for premature leaf drop and browning in July and August.

**Asian Longhorned Beetle** Anoplophora glabripennis Watch List Species & Prohibited Species\*

Not detected in Michigan Look for pencil-sized holes and damage in maple and other trees.

\*A prohibited species is one that is illegal to sell, import, cultivate, or transport.