

Not in My Backyard!

Help protect Michigan from destructive and harmful invasive species.

The tiny, little nightmare that can kill a Hemlock in under 6 years.

Hemlock woolly adelgids are tiny insects that feed on the sap from hemlock trees. Over time, the growth of the hemlock slows and becomes less vigorous, taking on a gray-green appearance. Eventually, the infested tree dies.



173 million hemlock trees in Michigan are at risk.

The slow-growing hemlock takes up to 250 years to mature, and it can live for 1,000 years. If not stopped, the hemlock woolly adelgid could eliminate every hemlock in Michigan, forever altering the vitally important habitats for a variety of wildlife species, not to mention, degrading the natural scenic beauty throughout Michigan parks, recreation areas and residential areas.

Prevention is key. You can help make a difference.

It is extremely difficult to control the spread of an invasive species once it is established. The most effective strategy against invasive species is to stop the spread ... and prevent their introduction on a local level.



Learn how to properly identify Hemlock woolly adelgids.



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