Spongy Moth & Spotted Lanternfly Refresher

What
Every market is required to inspect and clean **All IF Containers** prior to departure from the origination location.

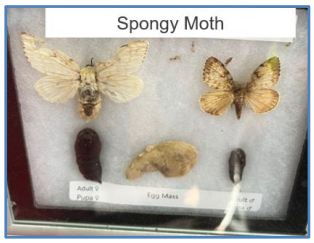
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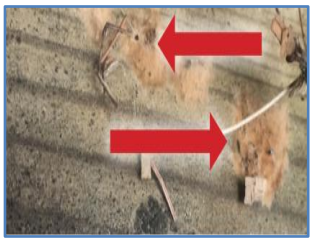
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Prior to departure from the **Origination** location no matter the **Destination,** it is required that all locations perform steps outlined in the following procedures.

Why
The USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) has agents in non-quarantined states (states currently without Spongy Moth and Spotted Lanternfly) inspecting each container we bring into the state. California is very stringent about inspecting our containers looking for egg masses, and even performing DNA tests on dirt found on the containers to see if the dirt contains Spongy Moth and Spotted Lanternfly eggs. These insects are extremely destructive to all types of trees, and for that reason our Containers need special attention. **Infested containers are required to be transported back to the origin market or a quarantined area, negatively impacting customer service due to transit delays and adding significant costs.**

How
Inspect: Visually inspect all areas of the container's exterior surface, including the lip of the roof and under the container between the skids.

- Egg masses are covered with buff-colored or yellowish hair.
- They average about 1 1/2 inches long and about 3/4 of an inch wide.







Equipment: To clean potential egg masses, use extendable wand and hard brushes **now available in the PODS Parts & Service Portal** located under Truck Equipment/Container Repair Tools.
Part #'s CLT100, CLT101 and CLT102.

Clean:

- Forklift operator should lift container 18 inches from the bed of the truck with forks tilted back.

Extra caution for containers unevenly loaded (Blue Magnet)

- Operator must be in high viz shirt or vest with area coned off during cleaning.
- Forklift is to be turn off and keys placed in the pocket of the Operator.
- Utilizing the extendable wand, scrub the perimeter and undercarriage of container removing any built-up dirt or potential egg masses.
- Spiral steel bore brush can be utilized for cleaning between door frame and skid on traditional style containers.







Never place any body part under the container