

State asks for help checking trees for hemlock wooly adelgid

The state Department of Natural Resources and state Department of Agriculture and Rural Development are seeking help with their annual hemlock wooly adelgid survey. These invasive pests cause significant harm to our native hemlock trees by slowly killing them. Trees can be treated to protect from infestations if they are identified. The departments ask you to look at your hemlock trees for round, white egg sacs on the underside of branches; they can look like tiny cotton balls. If you see a suspected infestation, please report, with pictures, to the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network, by email to MDA-info@michigan.gov or by phone at 800-292-3939.