



ALERT!
HOMEOWNERS WITH HEMLOCKS
DON'T LET *THIS* HAPPEN TO YOUR TREES!

The Hemlock woolly adelgid, the invasive insect that is killing our Hemlock trees, is making its devastating march across north Georgia. With a life cycle that produces two generations per year, a single adelgid can multiply into as many as 90,000 offspring. At that rate, even large Hemlocks can be overwhelmed and die in as few as two to four years after infestation here in the south. But there are steps YOU can take to prevent this calamity.



First, **be on the lookout** for the insects. In late fall through spring, the egg sacs can easily be seen on the underside of Hemlock branches. They look like tiny cotton balls at the base of the needles, as shown in the photo below. During March through June and again in early to mid-October, the “crawlers” hatch and are active.



Second, **be careful not to spread them.** These destructive little creatures are highly skilled hitchhikers that take advantage of passing animals, birds, and people alike. So take care not to rub against an infested tree, especially with fleece-like material. Always wash your outdoor clothing immediately upon return from infested areas.

But most important, if your Hemlocks have even a few woolly egg sacs, **take action and get help!** Find out what you can do to save your Hemlock trees at the most reasonable cost by calling the Hemlock Help Line. You can get information on recognizing an HWA infestation, HWA control options, a list of qualified local professionals, instructions for treating your own trees, access to soil injectors that can be borrowed for free, and much more.

HEMLOCK HELP LINE
706-429-8010

Or visit [www.lumpkincoalition.org/Save the Hemlocks.htm](http://www.lumpkincoalition.org/Save_the_Hemlocks.htm)