

4th Quarter Environment

10/1/2021

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT FALL COLORS TUPPER LAKE IS THE PLACE TO BE. THAT'S ACCORDING TO THE STATE'S OFFICIAL FALL FOLIAGE REPORT, WHICH FOUND THE ADIRONDACK LAKE COUNTRY REACHING THE MIDPOINT OF THE ANNUAL COLOR CHANGE. SO FAR TUPPER LAKE IS LEADING THE STATE, WITH 75 PERCENT OF THE TREES IN THE AREA CHANGING COLOR. NEARBY SARANAC LAKE WAS A CLOSE SECOND, WITH A 70 PERCENT SHIFT. YOU CAN FIND THE FULL REPORT AT THE I LOVE NEW YORK WEBSITE.

10/4/2021

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ALIEN EGGS. THAT'S A REQUEST FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION. AND, NO, IT'S NOT A HALLOWEEN PRANK. THEY ACTUALLY WANT PEOPLE TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE EGG CASES OF THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY, AN INVASIVE INSECT FROM ASIA. THE D-E-C IS ASKING RESIDENTS TO REPORT ANY SIGHTINGS OF THE DISTINCTIVE EGG CASES LEFT ON TREES BY THE INSECT, AND THEN DESTROY THE EGGS. YOU CAN FIND AN IDENTIFICATION GUIDE AT D-E-C-DOT-N-Y-DOT-GOV.

10/6/2021

THE STATE'S FALL FOLIAGE IS ALREADY PUTTING ON A RECORD SHOW. THE LATEST REPORT FROM TOURISM OFFICIALS HAS COLORS IN THE HIGHEST ELEVATIONS OF THE ADIRONDACKS HITTING THEIR MIDPOINT, WHILE FOLIAGE ACROSS THE UTICA ROME AREA HAS JUST BEGUN TO CHANGE. RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS IN THE NORTH COUNTRY ARE HOPING THE CHANGING LEAVES WILL HELP THEM STRETCH OUT THE TOURIST SEASON. YOU CAN FIND THE FULL FOLIAGE REPORT, AND SUGGESTIONS FOR ENJOYING, AT THE I LOVE N-Y DOT COM WEBSITE.

10/20/2021

FALL IS ALMOST OVER. OR AT LEAST THE FALL FOLIAGE SHOW IS. THE STATE FOLIAGE REPORT SAYS MOST OF THE STATE IS NOW PAST THE PEAK OF FALL COLOR. THAT INCLUDES THE NORTH COUNTRY OF ONEIDA AND HERKIMER COUNTIES. BUT THE UTICA ROME AREA IS PART OF A BAND RUNNING ALONG THE THRUWAY AND INTO THE FINGER LAKES THAT'S JUST REACHING ITS PEAK. THAT SHOULD MEAN ONE MORE GOOD WEEKEND OF LEAF PEEPING. YOU CAN FIND THE FULL FOLIAGE REPORT AT THE I LOVE N-Y DOT COM WEBSITE.

12/23/2021

THE END IS NEAR FOR FOAM FOOD CONTAINERS. IN JUST OVER A WEEK THE STATE'S BAN ON POLYSTYRENE FOAM GOES INTO EFFECT, LEAVING SOME

RESTAURANTS AND CAFES SCRAMBLING TO FIND A REPLACEMENT. FOR DECADES THE CHEAP, WATERPROOF CONTAINERS HAVE BEEN USED FOR TAKEOUT FOOD, LEFTOVERS, AND CUPS. THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE FOAM FROM DECADES AGO IS STILL AROUND, SINCE IT DOESN'T EASILY DECOMPOSE. THE BAN ALSO COVERS FOAM PACKING PEANUTS USED TO CUSHION ITEMS INSIDE SHIPPING BOXES.