



Massachusetts Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) Cooperative Eradication Program M E D I A U P D A T E

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Media Inquires Call: 508-852-8044

EXPANSION:

The regulated area in Worcester County has expanded after the discovery of eight infested trees on Bryant Avenue in Shrewsbury. The regulated area will now be 110 square miles (up from 98 square miles) and includes the entire town of Shrewsbury.

KEY MESSAGE:

Residents in the ALB regulated areas established within Worcester, Suffolk and Norfolk counties are asked to refrain from moving firewood and wood debris outside the regulated area. The public can assist the eradication effort by allowing program officials access to their property to evaluate susceptible trees for signs of ALB infestation, and by reporting sightings of the beetle or any signs of infestation. Report suspected Asian longhorned beetles to 866-702-9938 (toll-free), or online at www.BeetleBusters.info

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS:

Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Town Hall, 100 Maple Street, Shrewsbury—State and federal officials will hold a public meeting for Shrewsbury residents to provide information about the recent expansion and answer questions.

REGULATED AREAS:

Regulated area maps for both Worcester and Suffolk/Norfolk counties, can be found online:
[Current ALB Quarantine Maps](#)

To report suspicious activity, residents can call 508-852-8110. Please leave a message for after-hour notifications.

SURVEYS:

Surveying activities continue throughout the Worcester County and Suffolk/Norfolk County regulated areas.

In the event of inclement weather, surveys may be delayed or cancelled. Inspectors survey for the presence of ALB by examining individual host trees from the ground for signs of beetle damage. Tree climbers also perform searches in canopies of host trees, carefully examining every tree limb and branch.

BACKGROUND:

The Asian longhorned beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*, ALB) is an invasive pest from Asia that came to the United States concealed in solid wood packing material; pallets, crates and dunnage, used to transport goods from overseas. ALB was first detected in the United States in 1996 in Brooklyn, NY.

WORCESTER COUNTY

Date of First Detection

August 5, 2008

Regulation: 1st Order

17 square miles
August 8, 2008

Regulation: 11th Amended Order

110 square miles
October 17, 2011

Completed Tree Surveys (Level 1 & 2)

1,547,287 total
837,420 currently in 2011
27,009 during 10/2/11 – 10/8/11

Infested Trees Identified

20,148 total
1,152 currently in 2011
2,244 in 2010
11,723 in 2009
5,029 in 2008

totals per municipality:

Worcester—18,916
Holden—101
West Boylston—323
Boylston—762
Shrewsbury—46
Auburn—0

Removals

30,310 total trees
20,060 total infested trees
1,401 infested currently in 2011
3,334 infested in 2010
15,325 infested in 2009
10,250 high-risk trees in 2009

Treatment Applications

135,256 trees in 2011
62,320 trees in 2010

SUFFOLK & NORFOLK COUNTIES

Date of First Detection

July 3, 2010

Regulation: 1st Order

10 square miles
July 6, 2010

Completed Tree Surveys (Level 1 & 2)

56,322 total
13,463 currently in 2011
247 during 10/2/11 – 10/8/11

Infested Trees Identified

0 currently in 2011
6 total in 2010

totals per municipality:

Boston (JP)—6 in 2010
Brookline—0

Removals

6 total infested trees in 2010

Treatment Applications

1,921 trees in 2011

ONLINE RESOURCES

USDA APHIS INFORMATION:

[ALB Plant Pest Information](#)

USDA APHIS NEWSROOM:

[ALB Press Release & Information](#)

USDA APHIS ALB WEBSITE:

[Beetle Busters.info](#)

MA. DEPT. OF AGR. RESOURCES:

[ALB Informational Website](#)

MA. DEPT. CONS. & RECREATION:

[Mass. DCR Website](#)

NEW! USDA ALB CURRICULUM:

[Beetle Busters Kit](#)

ALB DOCUMENTARY ONLINE:

[Watch Lurking in The Trees](#)



The Massachusetts ALB cooperative eradication program is comprised of the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), USDA Forest Service, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, the City of Worcester, the towns of Holden, West Boylston, Boylston, Shrewsbury and Auburn, the City of Boston, and the town of Brookline.