



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

KEY MESSAGE:

Residents in the ALB regulated area established in Worcester County are invited to attend a public meeting to learn more about the Asian longhorned beetle and the recent expansion into the town of Auburn. Although the expanded regulated area now extends into Auburn, as of today, no infested trees have been discovered in the town.

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS:

State and federal officials will host a public meeting to provide information and answer questions regarding the recent Worcester County regulated area expansion into the town of Auburn. The meeting is open to the public:

- **Thursday, May 12 starting at 6:00 p.m.**
Pakachoag Church, 203 Pakachoag Street, Auburn, MA

REGULATED AREAS:

On May 9, the Worcester County regulated area was expanded after the discovery of three infested trees near Holy Cross College. The infested trees were found on Electric Street, in the city of Worcester forcing an expansion of the regulated area from 94 square miles to 98. A press release regarding the expansion, can be found by clicking here:

[May 10, 2011—State and Federal Officials Expand Quarantine Zone into Town of Auburn Due to the Discovery of Additional Trees in Worcester County Infested with Asian Longhorned Beetles](#)

Current 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:

In Worcester County, surveying activities continue throughout the regulated area. In the Suffolk/Norfolk County regulated area, surveying activities are being conducted in Jamaica Plain. 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: 10th Amended Order

98 square miles
May 9, 2011

Completed Tree Surveys (Level 1 & 2)

1,079,082 total
360,546 currently in 2011
36,388 during 5/1/11 – 5/7/11

Infested Trees Identified

19,540 total
541 currently in 2011
2,244 in 2010
11,723 in 2009
5,113 in 2008

totals per municipality:

Worcester—18,357
Holden—87
West Boylston—319
Boylston—754
Shrewsbury—23
Auburn—0

Removals

29,446 total trees
19,196 total infested trees
537 infested currently in 2011
3,334 infested in 2010
15,325 infested in 2009
10,250 high-risk trees in 2009

Treatment Applications

19,856 trees currently in 2011
62,320 host 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)

49,844 total
7,053 currently in 2011
632 during 5/1/11 – 5/7/11

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

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.