



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

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KEY MESSAGE: Residents in the ALB regulated area established within Worcester County are invited to attend public meetings taking place next week and learn more about the upcoming treatment applications.

Suffolk and Norfolk Counties

Surveying activities are being conducted in the West Roxbury area, and Brookline.

- 6 Number of ALB infested trees confirmed (Jamaica Plain, Boston)
- 6 Number of ALB infested trees removed
- 1,324 Number of trees surveyed during this reporting period (week ending 2/26/11)
- 46,245 Number of trees surveyed since July 3, 2010
- 10 Square-miles under regulation; see “Boston/Brookline Quarantine” map:
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/asian_lhb/alb_maps.shtml

Worcester County

Surveying activities continue throughout the area.

- 19,224 Number of ALB infested trees confirmed (*144 currently in 2011; 2,244 in 2010; 11,723 in 2009; 5,113 in 2008*)
Totals per municipality: Worcester (18,095); Holden (73); West Boylston (289); Boylston (749); Shrewsbury (18)
- 18,834 Number of ALB infested trees removed (*175 currently in 2011; 3,334 in 2010; 15,325 in 2009*)
- 10,250 Number of ALB high-risk host trees removed in 2009
- 38,613 Number of trees surveyed during this reporting period (week ending 2/26/11)
- 861,371 Number of trees surveyed since August 5, 2008
- 94 Square-miles under regulation; see “Worcester County Quarantine” map:
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/asian_lhb/alb_maps.shtml

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.

INFORMATION MEETINGS: In Worcester County, the program will begin using control treatments on trees starting Monday, April 25. To help address concerns and answer questions, the program will be hosting the following public meetings—each meeting is open to the public and will be held from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.:

- Monday, March 14**—Worcester Technical High School, 1 Skyline Drive, Worcester
- Tuesday, March 15**—Tower Hill Botanic Gardens, 11 French Drive, Boylston
- Wednesday, March 16**—Beaman Memorial Library, 8 Newton Street, West Boylston
- Thursday, March 17**—Holden Senior Center, 1130 Main Street, Holden

ONLINE RESOURCES:

The treatment area maps can be found online by clicking on the following link: [2011 Treatment Area Maps](#)

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.

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