



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

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2010**

**Media Inquires Call: 508-852-8044**

**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. Report suspected Asian longhorned beetles to 866-702-9938 (toll-free).

**Suffolk and Norfolk Counties**

Surveying activities continue throughout the West Roxbury and the Roslindale areas.

- 6 Number of ALB infested trees confirmed (Jamaica Plain, Boston)
- 6 Number of ALB infested trees removed
- 3,701 Number of trees surveyed during this reporting period (9/12/10—9/18/10)
- 29,535 Number of trees surveyed since July 3, 2010
- 9.58 Square-miles under regulation; see current map at:  
<http://massnrc.org/pests/albdocs/ALBRegulatedAreaMapBoston07062010.pdf>

**Worcester County**

Surveying activities continue throughout the area.

- 18,197 Number of ALB infested trees confirmed (1,361 currently in 2010; 11,723 in 2009; 5,113 in 2008)  
*Totals per municipality: Worcester (17,767); Holden (54\*); West Boylston (206); Boylston (152); Shrewsbury (18)*
- 18,032 Number of ALB infested trees removed (2,629 currently in 2010; 15,325 in 2009)
- 10,250 Number of ALB high-risk host trees removed in 2009
- 17,164 Number of trees surveyed during this reporting period (9/12/10—9/18/10)
- 549,056 Number of trees surveyed since August 5, 2008
- 94 Square-miles under regulation; see current map at:  
[http://massnrc.org/pests/albdocs/Regulated\\_Area\\_ALB\\_09212010.pdf](http://massnrc.org/pests/albdocs/Regulated_Area_ALB_09212010.pdf)

The Worcester County regulated area has increased by 18 square miles after the discovery of additional trees infested with the beetle in the towns of Boylston and West Boylston. A press release can be referenced at:  
<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/2010/pr10-9-21.pdf>

In the event of inclement weather, surveys may be delayed or cancelled.

*\* Number of infested trees listed for Holden, MA on 9/17/10 Media Update was incorrect. Correct number is 54 as of this update.*

**INFORMATION MEETINGS:** There are no ALB information meetings planned for the upcoming week.

**ONLINE RESOURCES:**

- USDA ALB information site: [www.BeetleBusters.info](http://www.BeetleBusters.info)
- USDA APHIS ALB information: [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant\\_health/plant\\_pest\\_info/asian\\_lhb/index.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/asian_lhb/index.shtml)
- USDA Forest Service ALB information: <http://na.fs.fed.us/fhp/alb/>
- Department of Conservation and Recreation: <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/>
- Department of Agricultural Resources' ALB information: <http://www.mass.gov/agr/alb.htm>

**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.*