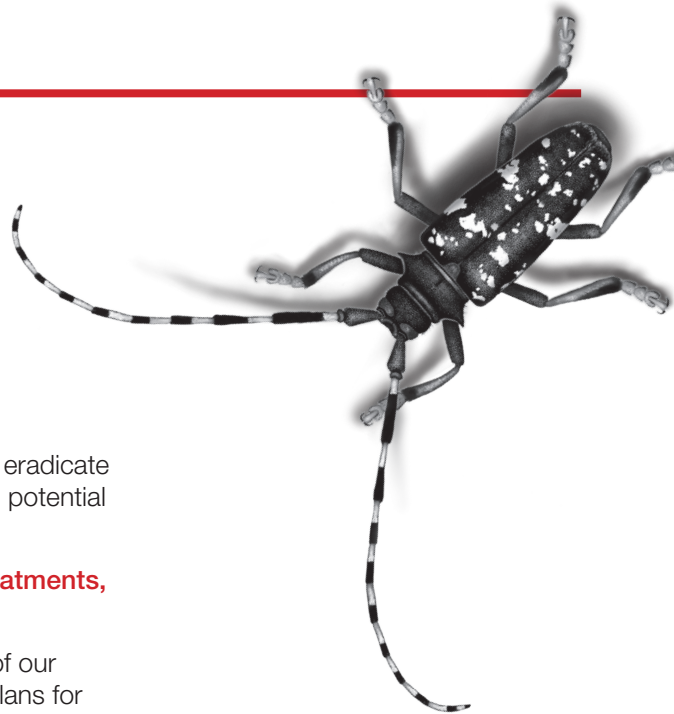


# USDA: **FIGHTING** THE ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE IN MASSACHUSETTS



Dear Resident,

As you know, USDA is continuing its work to help you **save your trees** and eradicate the Asian longhorned beetle in your area. Eradication efforts include treating potential “host” trees in early spring.

**Control treatments help contain the spread of ALB, and by using treatments, many valuable trees will be spared from damage and loss!**

USDA will be treating trees starting April 19. Prior to the treatment, several of our invasive species experts will host three public meetings to present current plans for implementing control treatments on susceptible trees, and answer your questions. We invite you, your family and friends to attend and learn more about the control treatments taking place in your community.

Together, USDA and the residents of Massachusetts can eradicate the Asian longhorned beetle and **save your trees**.

**Saving Massachusetts' Trees:  
USDA Control Treatments Begin:  
April 19, 2010**



## How Control Treatments Work

- Potential host trees are injected in the spring.
- Treatment flows through tree's “vascular system” (veins).
- When trees “leaf out” next spring, they'll contain a chemical that is harmful to the ALB.
- The ALB emerges in the spring, chews on treated leaves and twigs, and dies – hopefully before mating and laying new eggs.



## LEARN MORE!

### Come to the Public Meetings:

**DATE:** Monday, March 1, 2010  
**TIME:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Holden Senior Center  
1130 Main Street, Holden, MA

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 2, 2010  
**TIME:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Worcester Public Library  
3 Salem Square, Worcester, MA

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 3, 2010  
**TIME:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Beaman Memorial Library  
8 Newton Street, West Boylston, MA



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