



# ALB Cooperative Eradication Program

Legislative Update – June 2010



## Treatments

Treatment applications were completed as of Friday, June 25. A total of 62,309 trees were treated. Applications were completed within in all designated treatment areas located in Worcester, as well as the Holden, West Boylston and Boylston/Shrewsbury treatment area locations. Early indications show a successful treatment period, with no reported issues from property owners or media outlets.

## Surveying

Ground survey crews are returning to delimitating surveys now that treatment applications have been completed. Climbing crews have been working within Worcester.

## Removals

Removals continue with multiple crews, removing infested trees in Worcester and West Boylston, with removals from West Boylston scheduled in the coming weeks. Any ALB-infested trees will be removed, and infested trees will continue to be removed throughout the year as they are detected through the continuing surveys being conducted by the program. Public and private trees will be marked for removal, with public trees featuring an additional mounted placard at least seven days before the removal takes place.

## Replanting

The spring tree planting season has come to an end, however replanting efforts will continue through the Department of Conservation and Recreation where the soil will allow growth to occur. The City of Worcester and the Worcester Tree Initiative will resume replanting activities in the fall.

## Regulated Area

Regulatory staff continues to monitor the regulated area on a daily basis, as well as work with the Environmental Police Officer patrolling the region. Regulatory staff continues to hold training sessions for both renewal and new compliance agreements.

## Emergence

The first adult Asian Longhorned Beetle emerging this year was found on Wednesday, June 30, in Worcester. This is the time of year when adult beetles start to emerge from a winter spent growing and developing inside the hardwood tree they've infested. The program urges residents to familiarize themselves with the signs of infestation and monitor their hardwood trees and surrounding areas for damage caused by this pest. Information about the ALB can be found at [www.BeetleBusters.info](http://www.BeetleBusters.info)

Also residents should remember to never move firewood – it may contain the beetle, its larvae or eggs.

Please call the program office to report sightings at: 508-852-8090 or 1-866-702-9938 (toll-free)

## Program by the Numbers

### Program launched

August 5, 2008

### Regulated Zone, 1<sup>st</sup> Order

17 square miles  
August 8, 2008

### Regulated Zone, 7<sup>th</sup> Amended Order

74 square miles  
September 26, 2009

### Compliance Agreements

868 total

### Completed Tree Surveys

418,968 total  
178,017 currently in 2010  
203,859 in 2009  
37,092 in 2008

### Infested Trees Identified

17,792 total  
956 currently in 2010  
11,723 in 2009  
5,113 in 2008

17,580 in Worcester  
47 in Holden  
146 in West Boylston  
19 in Boylston

### Removals

17,467 infested trees removed  
2,142 infested currently in 2010  
15,325 infested in 2009  
10,250 high-risk removed in 2009

### Treatment Applications

62,309 currently in 2010

### Replanting

1,148 trees by ALB program in 2010

### Staff

63 APHIS, USDA staff  
17 DCR staff