



**Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) Cooperative Eradication Program
Boston Update – July 28, 2010**

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Key Message: Residents of the ALB regulated area established within Suffolk and Norfolk counties are asked to refrain from moving firewood and wood debris outside the regulated area. Report suspects Asian Longhorned Beetles to 866-702-9938.

Number of ALB infested trees confirmed in the Boston project area	6
Number of ALB infested trees removed	6
Number of trees surveyed during this reporting period	537
Number of trees confirmed ALB infested during this reporting period	0
Total number of trees surveyed in the Boston program area to date	5,676

Survey Activity: During the week of July 26-30, ALB Project personnel will conduct visual surveys of trees in areas bordering the Arnold Arboretum, east of Centre Street. APHIS and cooperating State inspectors survey for ALB by examining individual host trees from the ground for signs of beetle damage. Tree climbers also perform searches in host-tree canopies, carefully examining every tree limb and branch for signs of ALB infestation.

ALB Information Meetings this week:

- 7/29/10 6:30-8:30pm – Brookline Library, Hunneman Hall, 361 Washington St., Brookline
- 7/31/10 10:00-Noon – Curtis Hall Community Center, 20 South St., 2nd Floor, Jamaica Plain

Background: On July 3, 2010 USDA/APHIS agriculture officials confirmed the presence of Asian Longhorned Beetle on the grounds of Faulkner Hospital. Five infested red maple trees were identified initially and one additional infested red maple was identified on July 5, 2010. The six infested trees were removed on July 6, 2010. On July 6, a press conference was held at Faulkner Hospital announcing the find. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and USDA/APHIS have established a regulated area covering portions of Suffolk and Norfolk counties. Scientific evaluation of the infested trees and their date of planting confirms that those trees were not infested at the time of planting on Faulkner Hospital grounds. Investigation into the source of the infestation continues.

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, the pallets and crates used to transport goods from overseas. ALB was first detected in the United States in 1996 in Brooklyn, NY.

Resources:

- ALB informational and reporting website:
www.BeetleBusters.info
- ALB Information from the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation
<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/>
- ALB Map of the regulated portions of Suffolk and Norfolk counties
<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/ALB%20RegulatedArea%20map.pdf>
- ALB Information from the MA Department of Agricultural Resources
<http://www.mass.gov/agr/alb.htm>
- ALB Information from USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/asian_lhb/index.shtml
- ALB Information from U.S. Forest Service
<http://na.fs.fed.us/fhp/alb/>