



Recent news on the Asian Longhorned Beetle. Find out what's happening in your state.

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This eNewsletter is designed to keep you up-to-date with Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) eradication efforts and serve as a meaningful resource for the most current information. Presently, there are active eradication programs operating in three states: New York, Massachusetts and Ohio. The following information pertains to eradication activities in each of these states.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Massachusetts – Effective Monday, July 2, the wood disposal yard is moving from Worcester to a new location in Boylston. The new disposal yard is located at 0 Dr. Paul Ware Drive in Boylston, Massachusetts. The new disposal yard will be open for business Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. If you have questions, please call the Massachusetts ALB eradication program office at 508-852-8090.

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OHIO – First detection in June 2011

Regulated Area: 57 sq. miles*

57 – Clermont County (Tate, Williamsburg, and Monroe Townships)

Infested Trees: 19,063

18,978 – Tate Township

48 – Monroe Township

3 – Stonelick/Batavia Township

34 – East Fork Recreational Area

Removals: 99,754

19,000 Infested:

18,915 – Tate Township

48 – Monroe Township

3 – Stonelick/Batavia Township

34 – East Fork Recreation Area

80,754 High-risk hosts

63,241 – Tate Township

1,138 – Monroe Township

0 – Stonelick/Batavia Township

16,375 – East Fork Recreation Area

Surveys: 2,678,862

* Stonelick and Batavia Townships declared eradication in 2018, resulting in a reduction of the regulated area by 5 sq. miles.

Ground and aerial survey crews continue to conduct delimiting surveys, inspecting all host trees throughout the regulated areas in Clermont County. Staff continues to monitor regulated areas, respond to service calls and conduct training sessions for compliance agreements. To report suspicious activity, please call 513-381-7180. Infested trees are removed throughout the year, as they are detected. The wood disposal yard located at 2896 State Route 232 in Bethel is open for business: Mon. through Fri. from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Wood chips are available for residents from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on the first Sat. of every month. Click Ohio for more information.

MASSACHUSETTS – First detection in August 2008

Regulated Area: 110 sq. miles*

110 – Worcester County (Worcester, West Boylston, Boylston, Holden, Shrewsbury, Auburn)

Infested Trees: 24,185**

20,759 – Worcester

1,097 – Shrewsbury

233 – Holden

699 – West Boylston

1,391 – Boylston

0 – Auburn

6 – Boston

Removals: 36,104**

24,183 Infested:

20,759 – Worcester

1,097 – Shrewsbury

233 – Holden

697 – West Boylston

1,391 – Boylston

0 – Auburn

6 – Boston

11,921 High-risk hosts:

11,777 – Worcester

103 – Shrewsbury

1 – Holden

38 – West Boylston

2 – Boylston

0 – Auburn

0 – Boston

Surveys: Inspections continue

* Boston (Suffolk County) declared eradication in 2014, resulting in a reduction of the regulated area by 10 sq. miles.

** In 2016 audits were performed on the infested tree totals and the tree counts shown represent the correct totals. Due to additional host trees removed through acreage cuts within the regulated area, the actual number of infested trees and the actual number of trees removed is unknown.

Ground and aerial survey crews continue to conduct delimiting surveys, inspecting all host trees throughout the regulated areas in Worcester County. Staff continues to monitor regulated area, respond to service calls and conduct training sessions for compliance agreements. To report suspicious activity, please call 508-852-8110. The program continues to remove and destroy infested trees. Infested trees are removed throughout the year, as they are detected. The wood disposal yard is now located at 0 Dr. Paul Ware Drive in Boylston and is open for business Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Click Massachusetts for more information.

NEW YORK – First detection in August 1996

Regulated Area: 111 sq. miles*

28 – Kings County (Brooklyn)

32 – Queens County (Queens)

51 – Nassau/Suffolk County (Amityville)

Infested Trees: 7,143

2,327 – Brooklyn

1,831 – Queens

110 – Manhattan

2,791 – Amityville

27 – Islip

57 – Staten Island, includes Pralls Island

Removals: 23,932

7,143 Infested:

2,327 – Brooklyn

1,831 – Queens

110 – Manhattan

2,791 – Amityville

27 – Islip

57 – Staten Island, includes Pralls Island

16,816 High-risk hosts:

139 – Brooklyn

911 – Queens

20 – Manhattan

5,324 – Amityville

154 – Islip

10,268 – Staten Island, includes Pralls Island

Surveys: Inspections continue

* New infestation detected in the Amityville area in 2013 resulted in an increase of the regulated area by 28 sq. miles. Manhattan (New York County) and Staten Island (Richmond County) declared eradication in 2013, resulting in a reduction of the regulated area by 26 sq. miles. Islip (Suffolk County) declared eradication in 2011, resulting in a reduction of the regulated area by 7 sq. miles. Eastern Queens (Queens County) declared eradication in 2017, resulting in a reduction of the regulated area by 26 sq. miles.

Ground and aerial survey crews continue to conduct surveys, inspecting all host trees throughout the regulated areas in Kings, Queens, and Nassau/Suffolk counties. Staff continues to monitor regulated areas, respond to service calls and conduct training sessions for compliance agreements. Click New York for more information.

OTHER STATES:

Eradication efforts eliminated infestations and removed regulations in Illinois (2008) and New Jersey (2013).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The program has no public meetings planned at this time.

REMINDERS:

The mission of the eradication program is to help save trees and to eliminate the beetle from infested areas. Residents in Asian longhorned beetle regulated areas cannot move firewood or wood debris outside of the regulated area. Residents are also discouraged from moving firewood and wood debris inside the regulated area. In the event of inclement weather, surveys and infested tree removals may be delayed or cancelled.

If you think you've found an Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) or signs of infestation, always record the area where the specimen was found. If possible, capture the insect you think is an Asian longhorned beetle, place it in a jar and freeze it — this will preserve the insect for easy identification. Take digital pictures of the insect and damage to your trees in case officials request them, and Report It.

MORE INFORMATION:

There are other ways to stay informed about Asian longhorned beetle eradication efforts:

ON THE WEB: www.AsianLonghornedBeetle.com or APHIS Asian longhorned beetle

FACEBOOK: facebook.com/asianlonghornbeetle

YOUTUBE: youtube.com/user/BeetleBusters

TWITTER: @StopALB

For local information about eradication activities, or if you think you've found an insect or signs of infestation, please call 1-866-702-9938, or contact your state's ALB eradication program office directly:

Ohio: (513) 381-7180

Massachusetts: (508) 852-8090

New York: (800) STOP-ALB or (631) 598-5943

Asian longhorned beetle eradication programs are cooperative programs. USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) works with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and partnering organizations in each affected state. In Ohio, the cooperative eradication

program is comprised of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio State University Extension and Clermont County. In Massachusetts, the cooperative eradication program is comprised of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, the city of Worcester, the towns of Holden, West Boylston, Boylston, Shrewsbury and Auburn, the city of Boston, and the town of Brookline. In New York, the cooperative eradication program is comprised of the New York Department of Agriculture and Markets, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation.