

Asian longhorned beetle
Emerald ash borer
VOLUNTEER SURVEYORS WORKSHOP



Wednesday, July 15, 2009
5:30-7 PM



New England Tropical Conservatory
Bennington, VT

(Rt. 7, 1.3 miles south of the intersection of Rts. 7 and VT 9 in downtown Bennington.)
With Amanda Priestley, forest pest outreach and survey coordinator
VT Agency of Agriculture

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Light refreshments will be served.

Pre-registration by Monday July 13 required.

The Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) threatens the health of a variety of hardwood trees in North America, including sugar maple. Native to eastern Asia, it has been found in New York City, Chicago, southern New Jersey, and, in 2008, in the Worcester, MA region, 60 miles south of the Vermont border

The emerald ash borer (EAB), another pest native to eastern Asia, has been identified as the cause of widespread ash decline and mortality in southeast Michigan and Windsor, Ontario. It has been detected in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Maryland, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin, and recently, in Chambly, Quebec, less than 40 miles north of the Vermont border. It feeds on all true species of ash, including white, black, and green ash.

These insects have led to the death and decline of millions of hardwood trees across the U.S., and have cost billions of dollars in eradication and outreach efforts.

Early detection is key to stopping the spread of these destructive forest pests.

Come to the workshop and learn how to identify these pests (and the trees they attack), and what to do if you see one.

The free training is open to anyone who cares about our trees and our forests.

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To register or for more information, contact Shelly Stiles at the
Bennington County Conservation District, 802 442-2275 or bccd@sover.net.

This workshop is sponsored by the Bennington County Sustainable Forest Consortium (BCSFC), the New England Tropical Conservatory, the VT Department of Agriculture, and the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

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