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**An important message from the USDA, the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), and the Ohio Chapter International Society of Arboriculture (Ohio Chapter ISA).**

**USDA Volunteer Forest Pest Survey**

**America's trees are under attack. Help us track down the killer beetles.**

The **Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB)** has destroyed tens of thousands of hardwood trees. The USDA, ODA, and the Ohio Chapter ISA are partnering to ask members of the Ohio Chapter ISA to participate in the Volunteer ALB Forest Pest Survey. We need your help to determine if this damaging forest pest is in your community.

The ALB most likely arrived in the United States inside solid wood packing material from Asia. Since its discovery, ALB infestations have been reported in four states and there could be other undetected infestations in the country as well. Although an infestation of ALB has not been detected in Ohio, the beetle has been found in warehouses which have imported solid wood packing material.

**Be an ace ALB detective. Start searching today.**

You can help us stop the spread of the beetle — and the devastation to our forests, parks and neighborhoods — by searching your community for signs of the ALB. Just follow these simple steps:

1. Review the attached fact sheet to become familiar with the ALB as well as signs of damage. Take the fact sheet for reference when you search.
2. Locate 10 or more host trees in your search area. The ALB lives in hardwood trees, particularly maple, birch, horsechestnut, willow and elm. Carefully examine each tree for signs of infestation. Take notes on the following:
  - Area searched.
  - Types of trees examined.
  - Descriptions of any beetles or signs of infestation detected. It is also helpful to take pictures of the insects or damage to your trees.
  - If you observe ALB or signs of ALB infestation, contact the Ohio USDA APHIS State Plant Health Director's office at (614) 322-4700.
3. Report both positive **and** negative sightings online at [BeetleDetectives.com](http://BeetleDetectives.com). Negative sightings help confirm that the beetle was not found in your area. Make sure you indicate **Ohio Chapter ISA** on the online reporting form.



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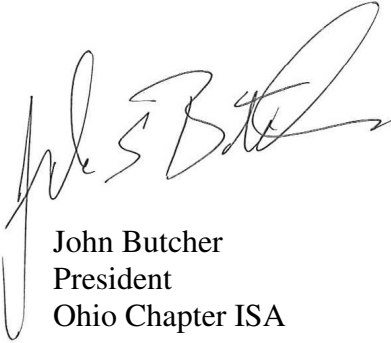
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**Help your organization become top-ranked beetle detectives.**

At [BeetleDetectives.com](http://BeetleDetectives.com), we will rank participating organizations based on the reports their members submit. If you know other people who would like to help protect our trees, forward this email to them and ask them to report their findings as an individual. Anyone who does not belong to an Ohio organization listed on [BeetleDetectives.com](http://BeetleDetectives.com) can select “other” from the bottom of the drop down menu for organizations on the online reporting form and enter their sightings.

Thank you in advance for helping protect America’s trees!

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John Butcher  
President  
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John Michael Burch  
State Plant Health Director  
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