

# Q&A – Asian Long-horned Beetle

## Regulated Area Restrictions/Tree and Wood Debris Disposal Instructions for Malton Residents and Business Owners

### What is the Asian Long-horned Beetle and why is it harmful to the trees in our community?

The Asian Long-horned Beetle (ALHB) is native to Asia and attacks and kills healthy deciduous trees including maple, willow, birch and poplar. The larvae feed in the trunk and branches of trees and eventually fill the trees with holes causing the trees to die. Adult beetles feed on the leaves, bark and branch tips. It can fly short distances and can also spread by moving infested wood. The beetle is transported to Canada through infested wood in crates, pallets and packing material. In Mississauga, the beetle was identified in an area near Pearson International Airport.

### Why has the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) established Malton as a Regulated Area?

In December 2013, CFIA established a regulated area in parts of the cities of Mississauga and Toronto to prevent the spread of ALHB by restricting the movement of wood, including tree debris due to storm damage. Please see map on reverse to confirm if you live in the regulated area. Malton falls within this regulated area.

### What does this mean?

Your assistance is essential in preventing the spread of ALHB. Don't move any wood material including tree debris from weather-related damage. This includes firewood of all tree species, nursery stock, trees, logs, lumber and wood with bark attached, wood and bark chips from trees that are identified as hosts to the ALHB. This material can accidentally spread the beetle to unaffected areas.

### How do I dispose of tree debris from the ice storm damage and general tree maintenance?

Residents have two options. Bring storm-damaged tree debris to 2699 Drew Road (north of Derry Road East and east of Torbram Road), Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The wood debris will be disposed of effectively to prevent the possible spread of ALHB. Alternatively, the Region of Peel will pick up small bundles of yard waste from the curb and will ensure that it is disposed of in a process that effectively prevents the spread of ALHB. Please refer to the Region of Peel website for more information at [www.peelregion.ca](http://www.peelregion.ca).

Business owners can also bring storm-damaged tree debris to 2699 Drew Road, Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or make arrangements with their contractors to dispose of wood waste, packaging material and tree debris as per CFIA regulations to avoid spreading ALHB.

### Who is responsible for covering the costs of tree disposal if it cannot be left on the curb for routine garden waste pick-up?

The clean-up of damaged trees and debris is the responsibility of the property owner. The City cautions that cutting and removing trees and related debris is a specialized skill. We strongly advise you to hire a contractor to do the work.

### Is the Region of Peel picking up tree debris for residents in Malton as in other areas of the city?

Yes. The Region will continue to pick up small bundles of yard waste and brush at the curb in Malton to ensure that it is disposed of in a process that effectively prevents the spread of ALHB. For detailed instructions about yard waste, brush, branches and tree limbs, please refer to the Region of Peel website at [www.peelregion.ca](http://www.peelregion.ca). Please note that yard waste collection may not coincide with your regular collection day.

### When will tree debris be cleaned up from roads and sidewalks?

Tree debris on public property will be collected in the next six to eight weeks, weather permitting. The City thanks you for your patience during this time.

## How did you communicate about the Asian Long-horned Beetle and the restrictions on tree debris?

The City of Mississauga, City of Toronto, Region of Peel and the CFIA have all issued news releases and updates to inform residents and businesses through the media. The City of Mississauga sent notices to all residents and businesses in the regulated area to advise them of the restrictions and instructions for disposing ice storm tree debris. As well, portable signs, notices in City facilities advised residents. Information was posted to the City's website at [www.mississauga.ca](http://www.mississauga.ca)

## What are signs of ALHB infestation?

Signs of infestation may include perfectly round exit holes (about 3/8 to 1/2 inch in diameter) made by adult beetles when they emerge from trees. You may also see pockmarks on tree trunks and branches where female beetles deposit eggs, coarse saw dust produced by larva feeding and tunneling, early fall leaf colouration and running sap.

## What can I do if I see signs of infestation?

Residents are advised to check their trees regularly for signs of ALHB. Any sightings of the beetle or signs of beetle damage should be reported to CFIA at 1-800-442-2342 or [www.inspection.gc.ca](http://www.inspection.gc.ca).

## Where can I get more information?

For more information, please go to the CFIA website at [www.inspection.gc.ca/pests](http://www.inspection.gc.ca/pests) and check the City's website at [www.mississauga.ca](http://www.mississauga.ca) for storm clean-up and ALHB updates.

