



# BE A BEETLE BUSTER FAMILY

Your child is learning to be a Beetle Buster to stop the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB). **The ALB hurts our trees and our communities.**

We ask you to **join your child as a Beetle Buster**. Community members like you helped get rid of the ALB in Chicago, IL, and Hudson County, NJ. Now it's *your* turn to join with your child and **be a Beetle Buster family.**

In the eastern United States alone, **4 million jobs** depend on forests that are vulnerable to ALB!



*Let's do this together!*



The ALB could attack 3 out of every 10 city trees. As of August 2010, over **70,000 trees** have been cut down due to ALB infestations in New York, Illinois, New Jersey, and Massachusetts.

New England produces most of the maple syrup for the United States. If the ALB reaches those forests, breakfast will never be the same!



## FAMILY ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

*Raise awareness about, search for, and report the ALB!*



Your child has learned about the trees the ALB likes to attack. As a family, identify the trees on your property that could host the ALB.

Your child knows how to spot the ALB and the signs it leaves behind. Have your child teach you what to look for, and go on a family beetle hunt around your house or in your neighborhood. Make this a part of your daily routine when the weather is warm!



*Dime-sized exit hole*



Going camping? Ask your child to teach you why you should never move firewood from the location where it was cut.

For more information on the ALB, including photos, videos, information about living and working in an ALB-regulated area, and an online form to report your sightings, go to **[www.BeetleBusters.info](http://www.BeetleBusters.info)**.