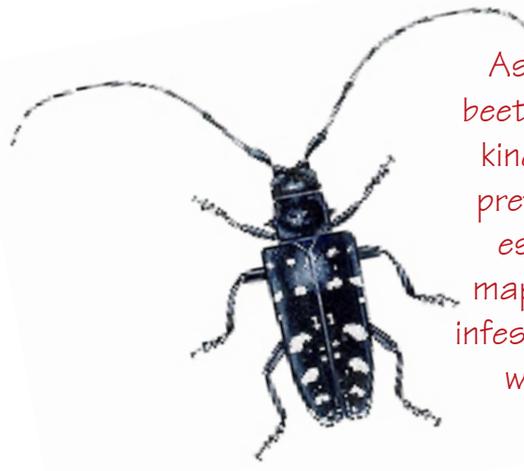




# INVASIVE SPECIES

**Invasive species are the number one threat to forest health in New York. Non-native pests and diseases are more likely to cause damage because they don't have any enemies. When they left their homeland, the invasive species left behind their predators and diseases. With nothing to control their populations they can quickly take over an area.**



*Asian longhorned beetles attack many kinds of trees, but prefer maple trees, especially sugar maples. This tree is infested and probably will not survive.*

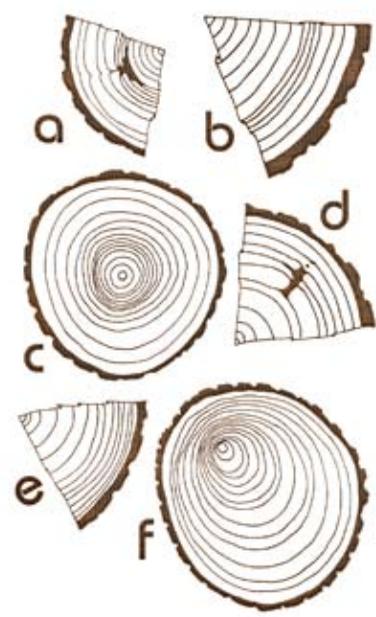


# Use LOCAL Firewood!

**When you transport firewood, you could be spreading invasive forest pests. Note the emerald ash borer tunnels in this firewood.**



**T**ree rings reveal the age of the trees, but they also show change in the tree's life. They show extreme weather conditions, damage to the tree, disease outbreaks, or insect infestations. Look at the firewood at your home or ask a neighbor if you don't have any. Do any of the rings look like these? What do you think happened to the trees that caused them to grow like that?



*Draw a picture below of what you see on your firewood. Do you know where your firewood came from?*