

# It's the Invasion of the Bark Beetles!

## Deadly Pests Infect & Kill Trees. Your Trees May Be Infested! Call Stay Green to the Rescue!



### ONE OF THE CULPRITS

Bark beetles come in varying sizes, but one type of beetle making headlines for devastating impacts on trees is the tiny polyphagous shot hole borer (shown below), which is smaller than a sesame seed.

It's the stuff of which comic superhero films are made, but this is no science fiction fantasy: Southern California's trees have been invaded by killer bark beetles, including the tiny polyphagous shot hole borer.

The Southeast Asian shot hole borers — which experts believe arrived via international packing crates — bore into trees, carrying a devastating fungus that attacks a tree's vascular system and serves as a food source for larvae. The multi-county infestation has caused the death or removal of many thousands of trees. It affects numerous types of trees, but those that are particularly vulnerable include oaks, avocado trees, castor bean, sycamores and box elders.

The imported pests are just one of several different kinds of bark beetles, of varying sizes, infesting Southern California trees. If you have a tree that has been invaded, you may not even know it: Many bark beetles are smaller than a sesame seed and only create tiny holes in the bark. By the time you notice anything is amiss, the internal damage may be done.

But help is on the way! While Stay Green's Plant Health Care experts don't wear tights and capes, their expertise in protecting trees is nothing short of heroic. They'll inspect your trees, and treat where necessary to battle an infestation. More importantly, Stay Green has developed preventive treatments that can protect your trees from bark beetles for a year to two years at a time.



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