



# Our Woodlands & Habitat at Craneridge

## ALERT

As of January 2024, we have located and identified Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) in our Craneridge community.

### What is Hemlock Woolly Adelgid?

It is an invasive, aphid-like insect which attacks Eastern Hemlock trees. Once infested, Hemlock trees will die within 4-10 years.

We need **EVERY** member of our Craneridge community to help in the efforts to find and identify HWA so the Woodlands & Habitat Committee can properly address this invasive.



*Picture shows infestation of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid with cotton-like "woolly" masses at the base of hemlock needles*

## 3 Easy Steps to Hunt HWA:

1

### REVIEW

Review the Eastern Hemlock tree and Hemlock Woolly Adelgid info on the reverse side of this flyer and at [www.craneridge.org/take-a-stand-against-hemlock-woolly-adelgid](http://www.craneridge.org/take-a-stand-against-hemlock-woolly-adelgid)

2

### LOOK

Look for signs of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid on trees around your home and adjacent common areas.

3

### FIND & NOTIFY

If you find anything suspicious, contact a member of the Woodlands & Habitat Committee.

***Do not touch or try to collect a sample!***

If HWA is found, the tree's location will be recorded and the Woodlands & Habitat Committee will then determine the best plan to address the HWA.

Questions? Concerns?

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## Identification Tips for HWA Hunters



[www.nyshemlockinitiative.info](http://www.nyshemlockinitiative.info)

### How Can I Tell it's a Hemlock?

- Eastern Hemlock needles are short, flat, and blunt-tipped.
- They can be distinguished from pines and spruces by the two white “racing stripes” on the undersides of each needle.
- If you can roll the needles between your thumb and fingers, the tree is **not** a hemlock. The needles are softer to the touch than spruces, which are spiky.



*Example of a Healthy Hemlock*

### Best Time for Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Identification: **November 15–April 1**

- HWA is in period of dormancy with white, wool masses on hemlock twigs at base of needles.
- Best seen looking at underside of twigs and branches.
- Nearly impossible to see with the naked eye in the warmer months.

### Survey Protocol for HWA:

- Look at multiple branches/twigs on all sides of a hemlock tree.
- Look for hemlocks in poor health: with declining crown; defoliation; pale foliage, lack of new buds.
- Look on the ground for infested hemlock branches that have fallen from the canopy.



*Picture of an infestation of  
Hemlock Woolly Adelgid*