



Virginia Department of Forestry

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Treatment Cost-Share Program

Application Process and Information

The Virginia Department of Forestry (DOF) distributes funds through a cost-share reimbursement program for the treatment of hemlock trees threatened by the hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA).

DOF will reimburse qualifying applicants **up to 100%** of direct treatment costs for control of HWA performed by a [VDACS state-certified pesticide applicator](#) or by landowner in accordance with the directions for use as they appear on the product label as approved by the EPA.

Reimbursements will not exceed:

- ◆ The approved amount as noted in the project approval letter
- ◆ \$1,500 per landowner or organization
- ◆ 100% of direct project costs up to \$500
- ◆ 50% of treatment costs for projects over \$500 OR \$500, whichever is higher

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include individual landowners and organizations (e.g., municipalities, non-profits, educational institutions and homeowner associations) statewide. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis as long as funds are available. Hemlock (*Tsuga*) species must be eastern or Carolina.

- ◆ The following treatment practices are considered eligible for cost-share:
 - **Trunk Injection** of an imidacloprid product
 - **Soil Injection** of an imidacloprid or dinotefuran product
 - **Soil Drench** of an imidacloprid or dinotefuran product
 - **Basal Bark Spray** of an imidacloprid or dinotefuran product
- ◆ All applications not done by landowners on their property must be conducted by a Certified Pesticide Applicator in good standing with VDACS.
- ◆ All treatments must take place during an appropriate time when the ground is not frozen.
- ◆ All treatment applications must be conducted in accordance with the directions for use as they appear on the product label that has been approved by the EPA.
- ◆ Treatments should not be performed more frequently than specified or more than the per acre limit on the product label.

Application Process

- ◆ A complete application will include sections 1 through 4 of [Form 6.7 Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Treatment Cost-Share Program Application](#), as well as a quote for treatment costs from a VDACS state-certified pesticide applicator or estimated treatment costs if treatment is to be performed by the applicant.
- ◆ Sections 1 through 3 of Form 6.7 are to be completed by the landowner, with section 4 completed after a site visit by a DOF forester. The DOF forester must inspect and approve the tree(s) of interest prior to treatment for the application to be considered. To schedule a site visit with a DOF forester, please visit www.dof.virginia.gov and use the "[Find a Forester](#)" feature.
- ◆ Original applications with completed and signed sections 1 through 4 and quote of treatment costs are to be submitted to the DOF forest health technician by the involved DOF forester.
- ◆ If the project is approved, the applicant will receive an approval letter within 14 days of submission and treatment can then begin. If the project is rejected, the applicant will receive a notification letter with reasons for the rejection.

Program Details

Approved individuals and organizations must pay for treatment up front, then submit verification of payment and Virginia State W-9 to receive reimbursement. All final documentation must be submitted within 90 days of approval to receive cost-share funding.

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