Early detection and response is key to managing invasive pests. The Illinois First Detector Workshops are aimed at improving first detector training and invasive species awareness. Plan to attend these workshops focusing on nursery and landscape pests. Each location will have sessions devoted to emerging and current oak threats in Illinois such as the Oak Splendor Beetle, Goldspotted Oak Borer, Sudden Oak Death, and others. A session will be included on invasive plants introduced as ornamentals, such as burning bush, Bradford pear, and Japanese barberry, along with a discussion on non-invasive alternatives. In depth training sessions will highlight identification, symptoms, management, and much more. New this year will be a session devoted to how safeguarding and regulation plays a role on this subject.

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REGISTRATION
http://web.extension.illinois.edu/dmp/
A $40 registration fee covers instruction, on-site lunch and training materials. Pre-registration is required and registration will be open from December 1, 2013 – March 7, 2014. All forms of payment accepted. Register early as space is limited. If you do not cancel prior to the workshop, and do not attend, there is no refund.

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Directions: Please note that some GPS units do not identify this address. Our office is located just north of Richland Community College under the large wind turbine. Link to directions: http://web.extension.illinois.edu/dmp/findus.html

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE
9:00–9:15 Welcome
9:15–10:00 Invasive Plants
10:00–10:15 Break
10:15–Noon Oak Pests
Noon–1:00 Lunch
1:00–1:45 Safeguarding & Plant Pest Regulation
1:45–2:00 Break
2:00–3:00 Hands-On Exercises