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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