

## Useful Resources and Updates

We've had some unusual events here in Virginia this year. From a rash of tornadoes this spring, to hurricanes Irene and Lee with their torrential rains, and an earthquake, many of you may have experienced timber damage. When dealing with potential timber losses from natural disasters, the best place to start is by having a professional forester visit your property to assess the damage and provide advice for how to recover. The [Virginia Department of Forestry](#) has a list of consulting foresters on their website. Before hiring anyone, be sure to check their references and find out if they are a member of the [Society of American Foresters](#) and/or the [Association of Consulting Foresters](#).

You can also read up on your options. The University of Florida has a publication called: [Assessing Hurricane-Damaged Trees and Deciding What to Do](#), and the [National Timber Tax website](#) has information on how to deal with timber losses on your tax return. Many more Extension publications dealing with hurricane damaged timber can be found on the e-answers website: <http://e-answers.adec.edu/>.

Also, you may recall, the [Fall 2010 edition of the Update](#) featured an article on the Thousand Cankers Disease of Black Walnut. At that time, the disease had not been found in Virginia. However, in August, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services placed a quarantine on Chesterfield and Henrico Counties, where the disease had been found, and the nearby City of Richmond. No walnut trees, including any of their parts, can be removed from the quarantine areas (this includes nuts, logs, stumps, roots, branches, mulch and chips). Please help stop the spread of this fatal disease by abiding by the quarantine.

Learn more about Thousand Cankers Disease of Black Walnut from the USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/fhm/sp/tcd/tcd.shtml>.

If you're looking for ways to enjoy this beautiful autumn in Virginia, visit the Virginia is for Lovers website (<http://www.virginia.org/fall/>) to find scenic drives, fall festivals and other fall experiences.

Finally, if you receive the Virginia Forest Landowner Update via U.S. Mail, you may have noticed the absence of the Summer 2011 edition. That edition was electronic only and is available at the Forest Update website: [www.cnre.vt.edu/forestupdate](http://www.cnre.vt.edu/forestupdate). Apologies for any inconvenience. Rest assured, future editions will continue to arrive in your mailbox!