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## **Asplundh Crews Mobilize for Hurricane Sandy**

**Willow Grove, PA**—Asplundh Tree Expert Co. has sent an additional 2,500 tree workers and over 400 extra line workers to assist 15 utilities in restoring power as Category 1 Hurricane Sandy prepares to make landfall. This huge storm is expected to cut a wide swath of tree and utility pole damage from the Middle Atlantic to New England, with the forecast of heavy snows in the Appalachian Mountains, as well.

Asplundh tree crews have been mobilized from 23 different states and two Canadian provinces to join with thousands of local Asplundh employees already working or on stand-by. Dozens of utilities and municipalities where they normally work have released them for the storm emergency response. Crews from as far away as El Paso, Texas began traveling toward the Middle Atlantic Region on Thursday, October 25 and are now ready to assist utilities from Virginia to New Hampshire who requested additional tree crews.

Over 290 line crew employees from Asplundh Construction and Utility Lines Construction Services (subsidiaries of Asplundh) have been mobilized from as far away as Florida and Louisiana to assist utilities in repairing storm-damaged power lines. In addition, over 110 storm damage assessors have been sent from another Asplundh subsidiary, Utility Pole Technologies, to help utilities expedite the restoration process.

Employee and public safety is a major concern as Hurricane Sandy is making travel and restoration work very difficult. Asplundh's regional safety supervisors are conducting daily safety briefings with employees to remind them of the hazards posed by broken trees, downed power lines and flooding. Members of Asplundh's Storm Coordination Team in Willow Grove, PA will remain on duty to fulfill additional requests for crews or address logistics issues.

**About Asplundh:**

Asplundh Tree Expert Co. is a family-owned and managed company headquartered just outside of Philadelphia in Willow Grove, PA. It primarily provides vegetation management and utility infrastructure services to a wide range of utilities and municipalities. The Asplundh family of companies employs approximately 30,000 men and women throughout the U.S., Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Learn more at [www.asplundh.com](http://www.asplundh.com)

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