

Emerald Ash Borer

We have recently heard from the City of Minnetonka Forestry Department that two trees in Minnetonka have been infected with Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). EAB is a destructive pest that attacks all species of ash trees. Since ash trees have no natural defense to EAB, trees will die in 1-4 years once infected. Eventually, all ash trees will die unless successfully treated. Treatment costs approximately \$100 - \$200 for a 20" diameter tree and must be done every two years in perpetuity. EAB will eventually spread to Deephaven.

HOW TO IDENTIFY EAB

EAB larva creates S-shaped galleries under the bark. An adult EAB is a slender elongated insect 1/3 to 1/2 inch long, iridescent-green to copper-green in color, and leaves a D-shaped exit hole in the bark. If you suspect you have found EAB, call the hotline at 651-201-6684.

WHAT THE CITY IS DOING

At Thorpe Park, Village Hall Park and Shuck Park, the City has been treating approximately 38 of the more prominent ash trees for several years. On other City property, the Public Works Department will mark ash trees for removal if they are located close to a public street, play ground, or have the potential to interfere with utility lines.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

Consult with a certified arborist to determine options for privately-owned ash trees.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Hennepin County is under a quarantine that prohibits the transportation of any hardwood firewood as well as ash branches. Do not transport firewood to campgrounds or parks.

FOR MORE DETAILS

Go to www.mda.state.mn.us (keyword: ash borer)