

HOW DOES EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB) AFFECT VILLAGE OF EAST TROY RESIDENTS – FAQ?

1. What is EAB?

EAB is a small metallic green colored insect that affects and kills only ash tree species. This stage of the insect is the adult and can easily fit on a penny. Like most beetle insects the larvae stage does the most damage to the tree. They wind back and forth as they feed, creating characteristic S-shaped patterns called galleries under the bark. This will eventually girdle and kill the tree.

2. What trees does EAB affect?

EAB will only affect true ash (*Fraxinus*) species. This includes all white, green, and black ash. European and Korean mountainash are not true ashes and will not be affected.

3. Who do I call if I think my ash tree has EAB?

If you suspect you have EAB call the DNR at 1-800-462-2803. Please see attached information with signs and symptoms prior to calling.

4. Can I treat my tree with insecticide?

There currently is no insecticide that is 100% effective in preventing or killing the Emerald Ash Borer. Please be cautious of individuals and companies that claim that they have the “cure all”. Please see <http://www.emeraldashborer.info/files/E2955.pdf> for a homeowner publication on insecticide treatments.

5. What can I do with my tree branches and wood if I remove my ash tree?

Wood can be used for firewood however state and federal quarantines need to be followed.

6. How does the quarantine affect me?

The quarantine limits the movement of all ash products and hardwood firewood out of quarantined areas. For most people, that means not moving firewood out of these counties: Kenosha, Racine, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac, Sheboygan, Brown, Vernon, and Crawford. Check <http://emeraldashborer.wi.gov/article.jsp?topicid=20> for additional information on EAB quarantines.

7. What trees are recommended for replanting?

For a list of trees that are alternative trees for planting please see <http://www.entomology.wisc.edu/emeraldashborer/Alternatives%20to%20Ash%20for%20Homeowners.pdf>.

8. Where can I get more information on EAB?

You can check the following web sites or contact the WDNR.

<http://emeraldashborer.wi.gov/>

<http://www.emeraldashborer.info/>

<http://www.entomology.wisc.edu/emeraldashborer/>

<http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/arm/environment/insects/emerald-ash-borer/index.jsp>