



Emerald Ash Borer

Private Ash Tree Management Recommendations

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Emerald ash borer (EAB) is an invasive pest that kills ash trees (*Fraxinus spp.*) native to North America. The city is encouraging homeowners and other property owners in the city to manage their ash trees in order to lessen the economic and environmental damage caused by this pest.

1. Determine if you have an ash tree.

- For assistance, refer to the [University of Minnesota Extension's ash tree identification tool](#)

2. Contact Saint Paul Forestry at (651) 632-5129 or forestry@ci.stpaul.mn.us if you suspect your ash tree is infested with EAB.

- For assistance, refer to the below link from the [Minnesota Department of Agriculture's guide](#)

3. There are multiple EAB infestations throughout the city. As such, decide if you should remove or treat your ash tree.

- Chemically treat your ash tree with insecticide if:*
 - the ash tree is of high value.
 - you are committed to paying for treatments for your trees lifespan.
- Remove your tree if:*
 - the ash tree is unhealthy or has poor structure.
 - you are not able or willing to pay for treatments for your tree's lifespan.
 - the tree is already too damaged from EAB. Treating the tree with insecticide will kill EAB, but it will not save if there is already too much damage.



4. If you decide to treat your ash tree...

- and the tree needs to be pruned, do so between September and May when adult EAB are not active.
- [Click here](#) to find more information on EAB insecticides

5. Call the Department of Safety & Inspections for a current list of Saint Paul Licensed Contractors at (651) 266-8989 to find a contractor.

- Contractors are able to either remove or treat your tree.

6. Consider planting a new tree in your yard.

- Refer to the University of Minnesota's [Recommended Trees for Southeast Minnesota: An Ecosystem Approach](#) to help you select the right tree for your yard.

Note that there is a quarantine regulating the movement of ash wood (logs, brush, etc.) between infested and non-infested counties in order to slow the spread of EAB.

[Click here](#) for more information on quarantine boundaries and regulations.



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