



Emerald ash borer is in Minneapolis

Emerald ash borers are invasive beetles that kill ash trees, and they have now been found in Minneapolis. There is currently no known cure. Minneapolis has more than 200,000 ash trees; they make up more than 20 percent of our trees. Ash trees killed by emerald ash borer fall apart and become a hazard, so waiting for all of the city's ash trees to become infected is not an option. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board has begun removing sickly ash trees on public land in Minneapolis and replacing them to start replenishing our urban forest now, which is important for our quality of life in Minneapolis.

If you think an ash tree is infested with emerald ash borer, report it at **(651) 201-6684** or visit www.mda.state.mn.us/eab.



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Plant a tree

If you have space in your yard to plant a tree, now is a good time to start one. If you have an ash tree in your yard, planting its replacement now will give it a chance to start providing shade.

Prune your ash tree only in the fall or winter

The emerald ash borer is active now, and moving infected wood helps spread the pest. Prune your ash tree only when the beetle is dormant, after Labor Day and before May 1.

Symptoms of emerald ash borer infestation

Woodpeckers are the most obvious sign of emerald ash borer in a healthy-looking tree. The beetles also put D-shaped exit holes in the trunk (although they could be too high up to notice), split the bark, create s-shaped galleries underneath the bark and thin the tree's canopy.

Quarantine

Hennepin and Ramsey counties are part of an emerald ash borer quarantine. Firewood and any part of an ash tree, including lumber and branches, are not allowed to leave the counties, to help slow the spread of emerald ash borer to other areas.

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