

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

HEADS UP FOR EMERALD ASH BORER AND DYING TREES



WHAT CAN RESIDENTS DO?

- ▶ Locate and identify ash trees on your property or enlist the help of a professional tree care specialist.
- ▶ Have you had to remove any trees recently? They may have been ash trees.
- ▶ Contact one or more tree care companies for work estimates.
- ▶ Decide if your tree is healthy enough for treatment.
- ▶ Remove unhealthy trees to prevent risk of injury to people and damage to personal property.

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eab_general.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/eab_general.htm)

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This is an alert from the Fairfax County Forest Pest Management Branch about an impending tree mortality caused by an exotic, invasive insect, the emerald ash borer (EAB).

Look for ash trees on your property. These trees are infested with emerald ash borer. EAB **will** kill ash trees within three years of infestation. Many ash trees in Fairfax County have already succumbed.

Ash trees become very hazardous once they die, as branches may randomly fail due to brittle wood. It is important to recognize this issue and manage it proactively.

WHAT IS FAIRFAX COUNTY'S ROLE?

Urban Foresters provide information and advice to homeowners who have ash trees on their property that are infected with EAB. The county manages EAB infestations on public land by treating ash trees with a systemic insecticide known as TreeÄge®. Upon request, county urban foresters give presentations to organizations such as homeowner or community associations or garden clubs.

For more information about EAB or to request a presentation to a group, call 703-324-1770, TTY 711 or email PestMail@FairfaxCounty.gov.

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- ▶ Have you removed any trees from your property recently? They may have been ash trees.
- ▶ Locate and identify ash trees on your property or seek the help of a tree care professional.
- ▶ Decide if your tree is healthy enough for treatment, which can be affordable.
- ▶ Contact one or more tree care companies for work estimates.
- ▶ Remove unhealthy trees to prevent risk of injury to people and damage to personal property.



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RESIDENTS SHOULD LOOK FOR:



Clockwise from top left: Woodpecker feeding/bark blanding on ash branch, branch dieback and epicormic sprouts in infested ash tree, ash leaf, ash seeds (samaras). Photo credits: D. Cappaert, J. Tresouthick, E.R. Day, Michigan Department of Agriculture, P.Wray; www.bugwood.org

RESOURCES FOR RESIDENTS

Visit the Fairfax County Forest Pest website for more information including:

- How to identify ash trees
 - Decision guide to help residents manage ash trees
 - EAB insecticide guide
- www.fairfaxcounty.gov/environmental/forest_pest.htm



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