

SAVE YOUR ASH TREE

The presence of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been confirmed in the City of Whitewater.

Tips to Save Your Ash Tree

1. Identify the tree as an ash tree...if you are not sure contact the City Forester for assistance. (Mountain ash is not a true ash species and are unaffected by EAB. They do not require treatment.)
2. All untreated ash trees will eventually become infected. Decide whether to treat your tree or not.
3. Symptoms of an EAB infestation can include canopy thinning starting in the upper portion of the tree, epicormic sprouting (i.e., formation of sprouts) along the trunk, bark splitting, and woodpecker damage near the top of the tree.
4. Treatment can be effective on EAB infested trees with less than 50% infestation. Treatment is most effective on trees with little or no apparent disease.
5. Most insecticides registered for EAB management require yearly applications to effectively protect a tree.
6. Injected insecticide treatments last as long as 3 years. A certified arborist with a license for pesticide application can help you treat your tree.
7. If your ash is smaller than 47 inches around the trunk at chest height, you may be able to treat your ash tree yourself.
8. Insecticide treatments are not recommended for trees with greater than 50% canopy thinning; these trees should be removed.



A healthy ash that is properly located in the landscape, has a nice shape and good fall color, provides shade, and has value to your property.



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Tips on Ash Tree Removal

1. Trees that become infested with EAB and are not treated will ultimately die and will need to be removed.
2. A small (less than 25 feet in height) ash tree may cost a few hundred dollars to be removed by an arborist. Larger trees may cost \$1,000 or more to be removed.
3. If you choose to remove an infested ash tree, Whitewater has a disposal program in place, please contact the City Forester.