

Emerald Ash Borer - Fact Sheet for the Homeowner

If you suspect your ash tree has EAB

Being that you are in a known-EAB-infested county, it is very possible that your tree has also become host to EAB. The best course of action for you will be to contact your local Extension office.

If your tree is infested with EAB, your options are these:

- 1.) **Treatment** - which involves an annual or bi-annual cost and does not guarantee saving your tree but rather will defer its mortality rate. Treatment will need to be continuous throughout the life of the tree. This is not a one time option.
- 2.) **Tree Removal** - you will need to contact an EAB-compliant vendor in your area who knows how to properly handle and destroy the ash wood in order to minimize the spread of EAB. * see below
- 3.) **Do Nothing** - this is an option but NOT an advisable one. If your tree is dying, the branches will become weak and will eventually fall in severe storms or just over time. There is a safety and financial liability on you as a tree owner that will become very pricey should disaster strike. All ash tree owners have a responsibility to their neighbors and community to remove or treat their infested ash trees to minimize the spread of EAB.

EAB
has been
found in
Boone
County



* To find an EAB compliant vendor to treat or remove your tree see:
<http://www.agr.state.il.us/eab/?pg=6>

Quarantine Restrictions

The entire state of Illinois is quarantined from moving Ash products outside the state. The 21 northeastern-most counties of Illinois, including Boone, are restricted from intrastate movement. The quarantines prohibit the removal of the following items from the respective quarantine areas:

- * the emerald ash borer in any living stage of development
- * ash trees of any size
- * ash limbs and branches
- * any cut, non-coniferous firewood
- * bark and wood chips larger than one inch from ash trees
- * ash logs and lumber from either the bark or the outer one inch of sapwood, or both, attached
- * any item made from or containing the wood of the ash tree that is capable of spreading the emerald ash borer
- * any other article, product of means of conveyance determined by the IL Dept of Ag to present a risk of spreading the beetle infestation

??? Questions ???

**Contact the University of Illinois Extension office
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