

City of Madison Homeowners Decision Guide to Managing Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) on their Private Trees



**Do you have an ash tree on your private property?
How many ash trees are on your property?**

Follow this link to learn how to identify ash trees:
www.cityofmadison.com/parks/services/forestry/pests/EAB/whatYouCanDo.cfm

Are your trees worth saving?

- ✓ Are trees of value to the homeowner or landscape?
- ✓ How does it impact the property value and environment?
- ✓ Are the trees in good condition?

YES

Do you want to save your ash trees from EAB?

If you wait, the decision will be made for you.

NO

Remove the Tree

Ash Trees that are not treated will die. EAB is 100% fatal in untreated trees. It is less expensive to remove a live tree than a dead tree. Dead trees cannot be climbed safely and would need the use of a bucket truck for the arborist. Clean up is also more expensive for dead trees.

Hire a Tree Care Professional

www.emeraldashborer.info/hiringtreeco.cfm

- ✓ City Prequalified Contractors List:
www.cityofmadison.com/business/pw/prequalifiedContractors.cfm
- ✓ Wisconsin Arborist Association:
<http://waa-isa.org/arborists/search.asp>
- ✓ For more information on EAB, visit City of Madison Forestry:
www.cityofmadison.com/parks/services/forestry/pests/EAB

For EAB Treatment or Removal of Private Trees, the City of Madison Forestry Recommends:

- ✓ Obtain at least 2-3 estimates from different companies. Make sure the companies carry workers compensation insurance and insurance in case of damage to your property.
- ✓ Hire a certified arborist or prequalified contractor.
- ✓ Consider teaming up with neighbors to seek discounts from tree care companies for managing all your trees at once.

Choosing which Trees to Replant on Private Property

When deciding which trees to replant, choose diversity in planting new trees and plant the right tree in the right place, visit:

- ✓ www.mge.com/environment/trees-landscape/tree-planting.htm
- ✓ www.mge.com/images/pdf/brochures/community/PowerPlanting.pdf