

Important Information on Emerald Ash Borer

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an insect that kills Ash trees. It has killed many millions of Ash trees in the mid-west and is moving east. The insect has killed trees as close as Hunterdon and Somerset counties and will be in our area before long. It has been estimated that Ash trees make up almost 25% of the trees in State forestlands and if you have “native” trees on your property, chances are you could have Ash trees. Timely insecticide treatment can prevent the death of Ash trees threatened by EAB. Treatment must begin before the trees are infested with EAB.

EAB is not the only thing that can kill your Ash trees. A disease, Ash Yellows, can also cause the death of the trees. It is caused by a bacteria-like infection. This disease cannot be controlled.

It is very important to identify your Ash trees and determine if they have Ash Yellows.

The Shade Tree Commission recommends homeowners contact a certified Arborist to identify your Ash trees. An arborist can also determine whether the Ash trees are healthy and worth treating to prevent EAB.

There are many sources of information to help you. The Shade Tree Commission suggests you start by consulting the website:

www.emeraldashborer.nj.gov

To help you identify your Ash trees: http://treedoctor.msu.edu/ash/ashtree_id.html