

COMMUNITY FACT SHEET

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an exotic woodborer that was found attacking and killing ash trees in Michigan during 2002. Since its detection, EAB had killed millions of ash trees and has spread into Indiana, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Maryland, Missouri, West Virginia and Ontario. EAB was recently found in Washington and Ozaukee counties in Wisconsin. EAB is easily spread through the movement of firewood, logs and nursery stock. Even though EAB has NOT been found in the City of Neenah, it may already be here.

The City of Neenah has an estimated:

- **1,100 publicly owned ash trees**

The estimated cost of removal is:

- **\$550,000 for publicly owned trees**

The estimated cost of replanting is:

- **\$330,000 for publicly owned trees**

NOTE: These numbers do not include natural areas such as Carpenter Preserve, Memorial Park Woods, Wilderness Park Woods, Neenah Slough.

Currently, the City of Neenah is doing the following to prepare for the arrival of Emerald Ash Borer:

- Monitoring sick or dying ash trees on city property.
- Reviewing street, park and cemetery tree inventories to assess numbers and locations of ash trees.
- Giving awareness training to city staff.
- Permitted DATCP to place EAB traps in city parks and property.

When EAB arrives, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection will oversee a federally mandated eradication effort until told otherwise. Removal costs will be funded until the eradication effort stops. After that, the city and private residents will be responsible for the removal of dead trees.

Signs of EAB:

- Dying ash trees (*Fraxinus spp.*)* with sprouts on the trunk or at the base of the tree
- D-shaped exit holes in the bark of ash trees where adult beetles have emerged
- Flattened worm-like larvae boring under the bark of ash trees
- Winding tunnels under the bark created by larvae
- Bullet-shaped iridescent green adult beetles present from June to August

If you see **3 or more** of these signs, please contact the EAB HOTLINE number listed below. You may also contact the city forester at 886-6070.

Additional EAB information:

www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov

EAB HOTLINE 1-800-462-2803

*Mountainash (*Sorbus spp.*) is not a true ash tree and is not attacked by EAB.