



## **EAB Frequently Asked Questions**

### **City of Rochester EAB Management Policies**

#### **Wood Debris Management and Chemical Treatment Protocols for Licensed Tree Care Companies.**

##### ***What is the Preferred Treatment Method?***

The City recommends systemic insecticide applied as trunk injection.

##### ***What are the Chemical Recommendations?***

Emamectin Benzoate is the recommended chemical to use in Rochester. It provides at least 2 years of EAB control with a single application. It provides a higher level of control than other products and does not negatively impact bees and other pollinators.

Imidicloprid and dinotefuron are not recommended. These chemicals are neonicotinoids that harm bees and other pollinators. These chemicals may also have application limits that restrict the amount that can be applied per acre.

##### ***When is the Right Time to Treat Ash trees?***

The best time for treatment is the month of June so the tree is protected for the current growing season. Trees will uptake chemical after trees have fully leafed out in spring. Treatment should ideally occur before EAB eggs have hatched, but can continue through-out summer until mid-September.

##### ***How Should Treated Ash Trees Be Identified?***

Attach a round, 1.25" metal tree inventory tag to the tree that is clearly stamped with the year treatment took place. Other information that can be put on the metal tag (company name, date of treatment) can be useful but is not required.

##### ***How Should Ash Wood Be Disposed?***

It is a **Best Management Practice** not to prune or remove Ash trees during the EAB flight season (May 1- September 30), even if they have not been confirmed with EAB. If work must be done for safety or emergency reasons, chip ash wood on site as able or immediately transport within quarantine area to an approved wood waste facility. Do not transport wood outside of a

quarantine area without a compliance agreement with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. The following Sites are Approved EAB wood disposal sites located in the Rochester area and are recognized by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Olmsted	<b>Hathaway Tree Service</b> 2555 50th Avenue, Rochester	507-282-4777	Commercial or Residential
Olmsted	<b>JW's Stump Dump</b> 3535 Simpson Road SE, Rochester	612-396-2305	Commercial or Residential
Olmsted	<b>Logan's Tree Service &amp; Recycling</b> 4026 70th Avenue NW, Byron	507-288-8287	Commercial or Residential
Olmsted	<b>ProCut Firewood</b> 2660 Broadway Avenue North, Rochester	507-280-7780	Commercial or Residential <i>Accepting wood 5 inches or larger; no brush</i>

### ***What is the Policy for Treating Public Trees?***

The City of Rochester has a list of treatment candidates. These 2400 trees will be treated over the course of 10-20 years by the City. If a homeowner would like their boulevard tree treated earlier, please submit a Tree Work Permit available on the City website on the forestry page. Each permit will be reviewed but no permit is guaranteed. If a homeowner would like their boulevard tree treated, but it is not on our treatment list, the tree will need to be evaluated for its health, vigor, and structure prior to permit approval. Please do not consider treating trees that have structural problems or dieback exceeding the 30% threshold. If someone has begun the treatment of a boulevard tree that is on our list to treat we will contact them and let them know we will take over the treatment of their tree(s).

### ***How do I Report Suspicious or Confirmed Ash Trees?***

If suspicious Ash trees have been identified, please report them to City Forestry Division at 507-328-2515 or email [forestryservicerequest@rochestermn.gov](mailto:forestryservicerequest@rochestermn.gov).

### ***What is Rochester's EAB Policy?***

**Non Flight Season** (October 1-April 30) when a private property ash tree looks suspicious for EAB, it will be inspected and marked with an "X" if an insect gallery or exit hole is confirmed. An "X" indicates that the tree must be removed. A notice will be sent to the property owner the day the tree is marked and the tree must be removed within 20 days from the date that is printed on that notice.

**Flight Season** (May 1- September 30) When a private property ash tree looks suspicious for EAB, it will be inspected and marked with an “X”. An “X” indicates that the tree must be removed within 20 days following September 30 (end of the flight season). It is a **Best Management Practice** not to move ash wood during the flight season.

### ***What is the Permitting Process for Marked Private Property Trees?***

A private tree work permit is included with all notices sent by the City to residents who own ash trees that have been positively diagnosed as infested with EAB. This permit helps track the work and must indicate the name of company hired and date scheduled to complete the work, whether it is for removal or for treatment. It is okay for the contractor to fill out and return this permit if that is easier for your client. Please keep in mind permits are time sensitive.