# EMERALD ASH BORER

# PROTECT MANCHESTER'S URBAN FOREST FROM THIS INVASIVE PEST!



Emerald Ash Borer

Common sign of EAB infestation

#### WHAT IS IT?

The emerald ash borer (EAB) is an invasive beetle first discovered in the US in 2002. It was discovered in St. Louis in 2015.

#### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Ash trees were historically planted in large numbers throughout the St. Louis region and are now threatened by EAB. All ash trees that are not managed will die over the next few years.

#### **HOW CAN I HELP?**

You can protect your healthy ash trees through periodic application of specific pesticides. Any ash tree left untreated should proactively be removed to avoid hazardous dead standing trees. All removed trees should be replaced with appropriate species.

#### HOW CAN THIS IMPACT ME?

If you have ash trees that are infested or otherwise unhealthy, you can save yourself money and potential property damage by having the trees removed before they completely die.

#### HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE AN ASH TREE?

The first step in EAB management is to determine whether you have any ash trees. To learn more about ash trees and EAB management and detection please visit:

emeraldashborer.info









# YOUR LOCAL URBAN FOREST

Trees are one of the greatest assets a city can have. They play a major role in cleaning our air and water, reducing electricity bills by shading our buildings, and providing natural beauty. Just like any asset, trees require some basic maintenance and consideration.

#### **Tree Advisory Board**

Did you know Manchester has a Tree Advisory Board that meets regularly? Their goal is to develop and maintain the community's trees and forest in a strong, healthy condition for today and the future.

#### **Municipal Tree Packet**

The Manchester Tree Advisory Board has developed an information packet that can answer questions about your urban forest related needs.

## For more information on your city's urban forest, please visit:

www.manchestermo.gov/treeboard

Have tree questions? Please contact the Tree Advisory Board at treeboard@manchestermo.gov or call 636-227-1385 (ext. 168)



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