

## Emerald Ash Borer - It's here . . . Your options...

Emerald Ash Borer is a very serious threat to all of our Ash trees. It has recently been discovered in the St. Paul area, creating an urgency for management of important trees. If you have an Ash tree or trees that are important to you, call for the trusted advice of our Certified Arborists. They can evaluate your trees condition and help you make a decision to treat, plan a replacement, or do nothing with your Ash trees.

Opinions vary on the effectiveness of treatments and the different treatment options. There are also a lot of people running around with chainsaws looking for work who are not qualified to diagnose your trees. *It is critical that diagnosis be done properly!* 

## Points to consider:

- o Treatment should be reserved for trees of high value to you.
- o Trees should be healthy prior to treatment.
- Soil treatments with Imidicloprid have been shown to protect Ash trees from EAB with 85% 90% certainty. Application does not damage the tree.
- o It is suggested that treatment be applied ahead of insect pressure. Studies show that it may take a year or two for a large tree to be fully protected. **NOW IS THE TIME!**
- Trunk injected insecticides are a good method of control, but should be reserved for times of very high insect pressure. Annual trunk injections will harm the tree over time.
- o In all areas that EAB has been discovered, it has been determined to have been present for 3-6 years before detection.
- o Due to high demand, treatment costs have gone down.
- o Treatment is effective against other insects that damage Ash trees as well as EAB.

Get the facts before you take action.

Call our Certified Arborist for help with your Emerald Ash Borer needs.

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