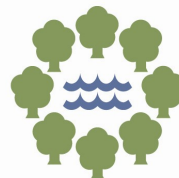


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## E.A.B. KILLS ASH



You may have noticed ash trees in Minneapolis that have been marked with green ribbon. These trees have been marked to raise awareness about impending changes that Emerald Ash Borer (E.A.B.) will bring to our urban forest. E.A.B. is an invasive beetle that is killing ash trees in Minneapolis.

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### What is Emerald Ash Borer (E.A.B.)?

E.A.B. is an invasive beetle that kills ash trees (*Fraxinus* spp.). The destructive potential of E.A.B. is enormous because there is currently no known cure. It was found in Minneapolis in 2010.

### What will happen to the ash trees?

All ash trees (including the trees marked with ribbon) will become infested with E.A.B. and eventually die. The approaching loss of ash trees will cause a drastic change to the urban forest in Minneapolis. Because the population of E.A.B. is increasing, the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) has developed a canopy replacement plan that provides for the scheduled replacement of ash trees.

### What is the canopy replacement plan?

The purpose of the plan is to reduce the impact of canopy loss while growing a diverse and resilient forest for future generations. The MPRB intends to reduce the impact of losses by gradually replacing publically owned ash trees.

### Will all public ash trees be removed at once?

No. We want to reduce the impact of ash tree canopy loss. Based on recommendations from the Minneapolis Tree Advisory Commission, we hope to remove no more than 20% of existing tree canopy on a block during a single season.

In parks, where space permits, we are also planting "buddy" trees near existing ash trees to start growing the next canopy.

### Can I request to have my boulevard ash tree replaced?

Yes! If you would like to beat the beetle, you may take action to have the boulevard ash tree adjacent to your property replaced by simply filing out the provided form and mailing it to us. The form is also available online at [www.minneapolisparcs.org/eab](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/eab). This is a free service for publically owned ash trees.

### Can I treat a public boulevard ash tree with insecticide?

Yes. If you would like to treat a boulevard ash tree adjacent to your property with insecticide, please visit: [www.minneapolisparcs.org/eab](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/eab) for a list of licensed and permitted tree care companies. Homeowners are required to pay for any and all treatments.

### What about the ash tree in my yard?

If you'd like to replace or treat your private ash tree, you may want to consult an arborist. Please visit [www.minneapolisparcs.org/eab](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/eab) for a list of licensed and permitted tree care companies, as well as a guide to homeowner considerations.



If you have more questions, please visit:

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Yes! I would like to beat the beetle and have the boulevard ash tree adjacent to my residence considered for replacement. I understand that the MPRB forestry department will remove the boulevard ash tree and re-plant\* a new tree in its place.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How many ash trees bordering your home would you like replaced? \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Every effort will be made to replace the ash tree, but due to environmental circumstances (ex: rooting space, crowding, large yard trees near the boulevard) a replacement tree may not be the most suitable option. To ensure a resilient, diverse urban forest, species selection is at the discretion of the forester.*

Once filled out, please put it in the box provided at the MPRB Information Table. You may also fill it out at home and put it in the mail; or visit [www.minneapolisparcs.org/eab](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/eab) to fill out the online form.

Thank you for helping the Minneapolis urban forest!

