

ASH TREE NOTIFICATION CITY OF RUSHFORD

The City has identified many public trees (typically boulevard trees) which have been infected with the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and will soon begin the process of removing the trees. Homeowners may also wish to diagnose their private trees that may need removal and/or treatment. Homeowners may visit with arborists or check the Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture website to help determine which action you may wish to take on your trees. The City will not be removing trees located on private property.

Below are some of the symptoms of EAB. Ash trees will begin to deteriorate from the top down and the City intends to remove trees that are or may become hazardous.



WOODPECKER HOLES
← Woodpeckers like EAB larvae and woodpecker holes may indicate the presence of EAB.

BARK CRACKS →
EAB larvae tunneling beneath the bark can cause the bark to split open, revealing the larval galleries beneath.

S-SHAPED GALLERIES
← The distinct S-shaped galleries under the bark are diagnostic of EAB.



EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB)

Emerald ash borer is an invasive wood-boring beetle whose larvae attack and kill ash trees. EAB larvae tunnel beneath ash bark cutting off the tree's nutrient supply, leading to canopy decline.



MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE **ARREST THE PEST**

If you suspect EAB contact mda.state.mn.us/arrestthepest 1-888-545-6664 (Voicemail)

You will notice some boulevard and park trees that are marked with blue paint that are designated for removal. After the trees are removed, the stumps will be ground out, the site restored and if, appropriate another tree will be planted. This will be a long process and the removals, stump grindings and replanting will take some time to accomplish.

The City will be depositing the trees we remove at the compost site. Homeowners may use the wood for permitted burning purposes, but the wood may not be moved out of the City limits. Waiver forms are available at City Hall to remove wood from the compost site.