

## Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is a non-native insect pest that infests and kills all species of ash trees. EAB was first discovered in 2002 and has since been found in 25 states and killed tens of millions of ash trees. **EAB has now reached us in Moorestown.** It is estimated in the next 5-8 years all ash trees in Moorestown may be dead.

While removing a dead tree, a municipal employee discovered the infestation and confirmed it was EAB. According to the Township-wide tree inventory, there are about 300 township owned ash trees along the streets and in parks. It is unknown how many ash trees are on private property. The township is closely monitoring its ash trees to determine when and if the trees need to be removed. Township sites where trees are removed will be considered for replanting during the next planting cycle.

The Tree Committee has assembled some information for homeowners which are located under the Informational Documents on this page. The “Ash Tree Identification” document will help to determine if you have any ash trees. If you do have any ash trees you can use the “NABB Decision Guide” to help you decide what action to take. If you decide you want to treat your ash trees, “Insecticide Options for EAB” is a good report on Insecticide Options for Protecting Trees from EAB. On page 9 of the report is a table of various insecticide options. Any treatments should occur between April 1 – May 15. Homeowners are cautioned to beware of unsolicited tree companies wanting to remove your trees and to use only licensed tree professionals when dealing with protection or removal of ash trees.

To learn more about EAB in NJ you can visit [www.emeraldashborer.nj.gov/](http://www.emeraldashborer.nj.gov/) .

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