

EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB) IN FRIDLEY

WHAT IS EAB?

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive insect pest that aggressively spreads and kills green ash trees. EAB was confirmed in Fridley in 2019, and since then outbreaks have been confirmed throughout the city. Once symptoms are present, the ash tree typically dies within 1-3 years.



HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE AN ASH TREE?

Ash trees are one of the most common shade trees in Fridley. An estimated 30 percent of the City's publicly owned trees are ash with thousands more located on private property. To tell if you have an ash tree, look for:



- ✓ *Diamond- patterned bark on mature trees*
- ✓ *Leaves and branches that are opposite each other*
- ✓ *Leaves comprised of small leaflets*



WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT EAB?

If you have an ash tree in your yard, assume that it will become infested with EAB and die without intervention. Due to the amount of ash trees in Fridley, the EAB impact will be devastating without resident help. If you have an ash tree, you can:

- ✓ *Treat your ash tree*
- ✓ *Remove (and replace) your ash tree*

Due to the shade, air quality, and water quality benefits provided by mature trees, the City recommends treating ash trees that are:

- Over 10 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH)
- In a good location
- Not exhibiting more than 30 percent canopy loss

Although trees must be treated every 2-3 years, it is usually more cost efficient to treat the tree long-term than remove it. The City's public tree treatment contractor, Birch Tree Care, is extending a bulk rate treatment price of \$6 per inch (DBH) to Fridley residents.

Call 651-401-7633 or visit BirchTreeCare.com to schedule your free tree evaluation.

FridleyMN.gov/Forestry



INCOME-QUALIFIED TREE PROGRAMS

The City of Fridley received funding through the DNR ReLEAF grant program to remove and replace diseased ash trees on single and multi-family properties occupied by income-qualified residents. Ash tree removal will be performed by the City’s contractor. All removed trees must be replaced. Replacement trees will be planted at no cost to the resident by the City once the tree is removed.

DON'T HAVE AN ASH TREE ON YOUR PROPERTY?

You can still take advantage of the City’s free tree planting! Properties who meet the income qualifications can have a new tree planted at no cost even if no trees have been removed from their property. Visit the program webpage to get signed up for your tree planting.

2024 INCOME QUALIFICATIONS

Annual Household Income at or below 80 percent Area Median Income

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Income Limit	\$66,300	\$75,750	\$85,200	\$94,650	\$102,250	\$109,800	\$117,400

Rental Properties with monthly rents at or below the following amounts

Number of Bedrooms	Efficiency	1	2	3	4
Amount	\$1,739	\$1,864	\$2,235	\$2,584	\$2,881

QUESTIONS

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