

## **2010 Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) “Frequently Asked Questions & Answers”**

1. **FYI---Houston, Hennepin, & Ramsey Counties are QUARANTINED. Do NOT move wood within or out of them.**  
To learn more, call the MDA’s “Arrest the Pest Hotline” 651-201-6884.
2. **Think you have a tree with EAB?**
  - a. Read the “Do I Have EAB” sheet at bottom of this page: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/issues/eab/>
  - b. Call the MDA’s “Arrest the Pest Hotline” 651-201-6884 (Metro) or 1-888-545-6884 (Greater MN).  
If EAB is suspected, the Extension 1<sup>st</sup> Detectors may be available to come investigate.
3. **Should I treat for EAB? Treat for EAB ONLY if:**
  - a. The environmental, economic, and time costs of treating are less than the cost of replacing the tree.  
Replacement Tree Info: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/extensionnews/2009/trees-replace-ash.html>
  - b. You will treat your ash tree every 1-3 years for the tree’s ENTIRE LIFE
  - c. Your ash is a beautiful specimen AND is less than 10-15 miles from a known EAB infestation.
  - d. You properly apply, store, & dispose any leftover chemicals. PROTECT OUR LAKES & RIVERS!
4. **How Can I Help?**
  - a. **Do Not Move Firewood**, not even within MN.
  - b. Don’t prune Ash April-August, to prevent Ash wood from being moved.
  - c. Learn EAB symptoms and teach them to others.
  - d. Also teach people that, *a poor-looking Ash doesn’t necessarily have EAB--it may have other problems.*
5. **Where do I get rid of Ash wood?**
  - a. Ramsey County residents: Use the Midway Compost Site: <http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ph/rt/midway>
  - b. Visit: [http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s\\_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=http:%2F%2Fgis.mda.state.mn.us%2Fkml%2FEAB\\_disposal\\_sites.kml&ie=UTF8&z=8](http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=http:%2F%2Fgis.mda.state.mn.us%2Fkml%2FEAB_disposal_sites.kml&ie=UTF8&z=8) for more sites.
  - c. Grinding your ash wood into chips smaller than 1’ in any direction should theoretically kill the borer.
  - d. There IS some demand for urban wood for sale: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/um/index.html>
6. **How do I request an EAB talk for my community?** Contact Dave Hanson: [hanso355@umn.edu](mailto:hanso355@umn.edu) or 612.624.3400.
7. **Does your community want to plan for EAB?**
  - a. Want guidelines on EAB surveying and ash replacement analysis? See what these 6 communities’ “Emerald Ash Borer *Rapid Response*” techniques: <http://www.mntreesource.com/project-definition>
  - b. And see: <http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/community/communityGuidelinesManagingEAB.pdf>
8. **What are GOOD WEBSITES?**
  - a. Extension Service: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/issues/eab/>
  - b. MDA: <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/en/plants/pestmanagement/eab/eabhomeowners.aspx>
  - c. DNR: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/urban/index.html>
  - d. Best Management Practices for Known EAB Infested Areas:  
<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/news/publications/pestsplants/pestmanagement/bmps4eab.pdf>
  - e. Interactive Minnesota Survey Map: <http://gis.mda.state.mn.us/eab/>
  - f. Emerald Ash Borer University: [http://emeraldashborer.info/eab\\_university.cfm](http://emeraldashborer.info/eab_university.cfm)
  - g. E-mail [Arrest.The.Pest@state.mn.us](mailto:Arrest.The.Pest@state.mn.us) to receive monthly updates on the EAB quarantine
  - h. See what your city is doing with EAB, such as: <http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?nid=2495>