



Recommended Treatment to Protect Non-Infected Ash from Emerald Ash Borer

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Dear Gardening Friend,

We have been keeping a close eye on the new destructive pest known as the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). We are constantly researching the latest and greatest control options. The program that we have put together to protect your ash trees has even received praise from an EPA representative during a recent visit to our company!

Here is our recommendation:

What: Consider protecting all of your valuable ash trees. Ash trees of all sizes can be treated. EAB can attack both sick and healthy trees – but only healthy trees respond well to treatment.

Where: Protection is prudent if your home is located within 15 miles of an EAB infestation &/or in a quarantined county. The list of quarantined counties has grown and now includes Brown, Crawford, Fond du Lac, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Vernon, Washington and Waukesha counties!

When: Beetles travel only 2 miles per year but humans speed that up by doing things like moving firewood. The known EAB infestations were all several years old when discovered. Treatments take at least several weeks to become fully absorbed by the tree. We therefore recommend you begin treatment in spring of 2010.

How: Our two-prong approach provides the best level of protection. Scientific EAB trials have yielded inconsistent results but we estimate that our protection program could yield success rates as high as 80%!

A soil drench should be applied around the trunk of the tree. This application can be made in mid-spring or in the first two weeks of October. This treatment should be repeated one time per year.

A tree trunk injection should occur as well. This application can occur in April through September. This treatment only needs to be repeated once every 2-3 years.

Who: This preferred program can only be applied by licensed professionals like ourselves.

We will continue to monitor and research EAB and will always offer the most effective control programs. If you'd like to protect your valuable ash trees, need help identifying your trees, would like an inspection for EAB or would like to know how we can help properly care for your trees after treatment, contact us today! You and your ash trees can count on us!

Good Gardening!