

STOP INVASIVE SPECIES DON'T TRANSPORT FIREWOOD



The Emerald Ash Borer is an invasive species beetle that has made its way to Canada from Asia. The beetle infects and kills Ash trees and is commonly spread by Ash firewood being transported from cottage country to cities, or by hitching a ride on nursery stock of young Ash trees. Hiding in transported Ash materials, the Emerald Ash Borer has already killed millions of trees in eastern Canada, and has the potential of wiping out all of the Ash trees in Regina. Once the Emerald Ash Borer is confirmed in a community, 100 per cent of Ash trees are expected to be lost throughout a ten-year period.

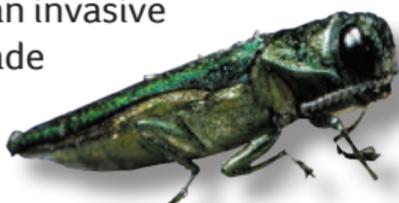


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Ash trees are an important part of our beautiful urban forest. Regina has approximately 62,000 Ash trees, which make up 35 per cent of our total tree inventory. The cost of this highly destructive beetle arriving in our city, including removal, burial and replacement of Ash trees, is in the millions.

The City of Regina is taking proactive measures to protect our urban forest by:

- Not planting any more Ash trees on City property. Our urban forest will then become less dependent on Ash trees in the future.
- Setting up traps for early detection across the city. If we can detect it early, we can help slow the spread.
- Working with the Province of Saskatchewan and our sister cities to help spread awareness of not transporting Ash fire wood.



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Symptoms

- Branches appear to be dying or thinning out in the upper part of the tree.
- Green shoots grow from the trunk if the upper branches are thinning.
- “D” shaped exit holes may be visible.
- Bark on the tree trunk may be vertically splitting away from the wood.

How can you help?

- Do not move firewood. Buy it and burn it locally.
- Don't buy Ash wood or plant Ash trees supplied by nurseries from provinces east of Saskatchewan or from the U.S.
- Call us if you think something is wrong with your Ash tree.

For more information on the Emerald Ash Borer or other invasive species:

Visit Regina.ca/pests or the Canadian Food Inspection Agency website at inspection.gc.ca/pests.

Call **306-777-7000** for a tree inspector to come look at your Ash tree.