

Did you know ...



Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

Emerald ash borer was confirmed in northern Sioux Falls in May 2018. It is a highly invasive, non-native insect that attacks and kills all species of North American ash trees, including white, green and black varieties.

EAB is able to kill all ash trees, regardless of their health, age or size. It has already killed more than 100 million ash trees in the United States and is a serious threat to trees in Sioux Falls.

EAB is attracted to fresh pruning wounds. Trees should be pruned between Labor Day until the following Memorial Day while the insect is inside the tree. Movement of ash wood is restricted from Memorial Day to Labor Day in Sioux Falls.

For more information, visit siouxfalls.org/eab or call the Helpline at 211



Healthy Ash Tree



EAB-Infested Ash Tree



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What does this mean?

Sioux Falls has approximately 85,000 ash trees. Other communities have lost all of their untreated ash trees within 10 years. Tree owners should consider either treating or removing their ash trees.

Trees treated by a licensed arborist will be tagged for future tracking. Tags should not be removed.



Is my tree infested?

Infested ash will have sections of bark shredded off by woodpeckers searching for larvae. If the tree is infested, you will find S-shaped tunnels underneath the bark. The tunnels will be packed with sawdust and measure up to 1/8-inch wide.

Adult beetles will emerge from the tree through D-shaped holes along branches, limbs and the trunk.

What is a quarantine area?

A quarantine area has been declared for Minnehaha County.

This area extends into Lincoln County (*north of U.S. Highway 18*) and Turner County (*north of U.S. Highway 18 and east of County Highway 19*).

No ash trees, brush, logs or wood products such as ash firewood can be moved outside this area.



Size Comparison Of Borers And Tunnels