

Emerald Ash Borer Alert

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a tree-killing non-native pest first detected in New Jersey in 2014. In late May of this year EAB was found in Cranbury Township. The Shade Tree Commission (STC) was notified by a resident, and the NJ EAB Task Force was informed.

STC started work immediately on an EAB Management Plan with assistance from members of the NJ EAB Task Force, and input from the Township Administrator and the public. Although an ash tree inventory is incomplete at the time of this writing, it is in progress. Assessment of the number, location, health, and circumference of Cranbury street ashes is necessary to make a management cost calculation. ID tags may be affixed to ash trees during the inventory process.

No ash trees were planted as part of the No Net Loss Reforestation project.

Homeowners with ash trees in their landscape, woodlot owners, and residents interested in learning more about the emerald green and shiny copper insect are advised to visit:

www.emeraldashborer.nj.gov

Cranbury Free Public Library will show a brief educational video about EAB for the public on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 pm. Members of the Shade Tree Commission will be present to answer questions.

IMPORTANT: Spread the message, “**Don’t Move Firewood.**” Visitors who bring infested firewood to second homes or campgrounds near you put your trees at risk.



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