

Compliance Agreements

What is a Compliance Agreement (CA)?

A CA is a legally binding document between a business or other entity and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) and, if applicable, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) formally acknowledging the emerald ash borer (EAB) quarantine with regards to the growing, handling and movement of regulated articles. Regulated articles include:

- The emerald ash borer, *Agilus planipennis* Fairmaire, in any living stage of development.
- Entire ash trees (*Fraxinus* spp.).
- Ash limbs and branches.
- Ash stumps and roots.
- Ash logs with bark.
- Ash lumber with bark.
- Ash chips and ash bark chips.
- Firewood of any non-coniferous (hardwood) species.
- Any article, product or means of conveyance when it is determined by the Commissioner to present the risk of spread of the emerald ash borer.

What does a CA contain?

- Regulated article(s) involved
- Company name
- Designated company contact person
- Physical address of site growing, handling or moving regulated article
- Description of how the regulated article(s) must be treated
- Applicable laws and regulations
- Signatures from company designee, the state plant health director and, if applicable, a federal regulatory officer

Do I need a CA?

You are **required** if you or your company are moving regulated articles from within the counties of Ramsey, Hennepin and Houston to outside of these counties regardless of whether they originate or are passing through these counties. You may need a CA if you handle regulated articles inside the quarantine, but do not routinely move them out of the quarantine. In both cases, you should contact the MDA at the Arrest the Pest Hotline (see below).

How do I get a CA?

Contact the Arrest the Pest hotline by calling 651-201-6684 in the Metro area or 1-888-545-6684 in greater Minnesota or by emailing arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us and ask to be put in contact with the EAB regulatory staff.

Why a CA?

A CA is a beneficial document that would allow for businesses to operate while abiding by the laws regarding plant pests.

Examples of CAs can be found under the fifth bulleted point at:

www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/emerald_ash_b/regulatory.shtml

The actual compliance agreement that will be used in Minnesota will be slightly different.



Pesticide Application to the Trunk of an Ash Tree
David Cappaert, Michigan State University, Bugwood.org

Tree Care Company Registry

There has been some confusion recently regarding the purpose and mission of the Registry as it relates to pesticides and applicator licenses.

The MDA does not maintain, nor does it plan to maintain, a list of tree care companies that are certified/licensed to apply chemicals such as an EAB pesticide for trees. Any person applying chemicals, and receiving payment for this service, must have an applicator's license – this includes EAB pesticides for ash trees. For more information on obtaining an applicator's license please refer to:

www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/pestfert/pesticideapplicator.htm

A person does not have to be certified with the International Society of Arborists (ISA) to apply chemicals to ash trees, though consulting an ISA certified arborist before making a treatment decision is recommended.

Links and Resources

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