

EAB Regulatory Review

September 26, 2009

Tree Care Company Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended our tree care company meetings. These meetings have proven to be an effective means for MDA to provide technical and general information to representatives from various tree care companies. We've also used the meeting to display available educational materials. If your company wants any of the EAB identification cards or other brochures for use among your staff or to share with customers, contact MDA at 1-888-545-6684 or Arrest.The.Pest@state.mn.us.

If you haven't already been to one of these meetings, you can still attend. Our last planned meeting is **Monday, September 28th, 2009, at 1:00 PM in the Minnetonka City Hall, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka, MN, 55345.** Call MDA at 1-888-545-6684 for directions and to reserve your seat.

Not sure if your company needs a compliance agreement? Are your customers asking about certification? The tree care meeting is a chance to find the answers you need.

MDA Best Management Practices for Known EAB-Infested Areas

Known EAB-Infested Areas are areas where trees infested with EAB have been *documented*. Ash trees or parts of ash trees removed from these areas have a high probability of being infested with EAB. This is true for trees that appear healthy as well as those that have multiple symptoms of EAB infestation. For this reason, special precautions are advised for working with ash within these areas. These guidelines should be followed 100% of the time when working within Known EAB-Infested Areas. Also, following these guidelines when working elsewhere within the EAB quarantine (particularly within a few miles of known areas) will provide the lowest degree of risk for movement of EAB.

Guidelines:

EAB Active Period – May 1 – August 31

- Avoid removal of ash branches, trees, stumps*
- If removal is necessary due to a hazardous condition then,
 - Chip at least outer 1" of bark/wood on-site and transport to the nearest facility that can quickly process the material**
 - Or
 - Transport at least outer 1" of bark/wood in a vehicle where it is 100% enclosed to the nearest facility that can quickly process the material. Material should remain enclosed until it can be at a minimum chipped.

EAB Dormant Period – September 1 – April 30

- Conduct pruning, removal of ash as desired.
- Transport at least outer 1" of bark/wood to a facility where it will be processed prior to May 1.

Explanations:

*Active vs. Dormant Period:

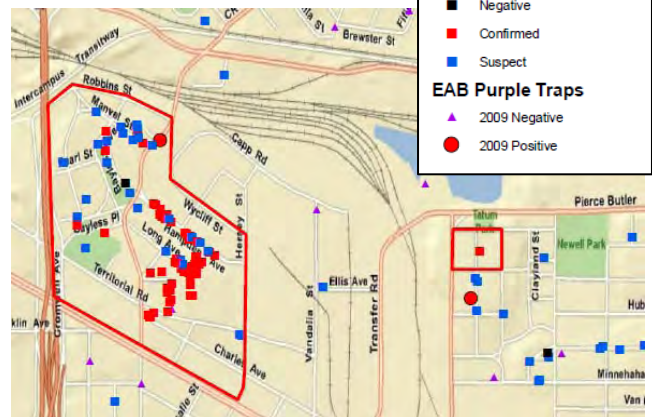
Branch / Tree / Stump removal should be avoided during the EAB Active Period for two reasons:

- By postponing pruning until the fall, you can help reduce the risk of EAB spreading. If the tree is left intact during the EAB Active Period, it can provide habitat for EAB adults to lay eggs. But since the adults won't emerge until the following year, if this tree or branch is cut and properly disposed of during the EAB Dormant Period, any EAB that may exist in the ash material will be destroyed when the wood is destroyed.
- Material moved during the EAB Active Period may release adults at any time during transportation into a previously un-infested area.

**Disposal of outer 1" of bark/wood vs. whole tree:

- Only the outer 1" of bark/wood harbors EAB. If this material is removed, the remaining wood may be utilized as desired and does not need to be destroyed.
- Options for effectively treating the material include grinding to a small diameter (less than one inch in two dimensions), burning or burying.

Known EAB-Infested Areas are



areas where EAB-infested trees have been documented.

Links and Resources

[EAB Q&A in Spanish](#)

[EAB Q&A in Hmong](#)

[Past Bulletins](#)