



News Release

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Emerald Ash Borer Confirmed in Dufferin County

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County of Dufferin*

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency, which monitors and regulates exotic pests in Canada, has recently confirmed that emerald ash borer has been found in Dufferin County, at a location in the south end of Orangeville. The CFIA will be notifying the property owner immediately to restrict movement of ash material from the property. Further regulatory action will be considered by the CFIA in the fall, at the end of this year's field season.

What is the Emerald Ash Borer:

- The Emerald Ash Borer was identified in North America in July, 2002. It originates from China, Japan, Korea, and Mongolia. The borer is capable of attacking and killing healthy trees, and all native ash are susceptible (white, black, green, and red ash). It is unusual for borer-type beetles to be able to attack and kill healthy trees, they usually attack only trees that are already under stress from some other condition(s). Ontario has imposed quarantines on the movement of ash nursery stock, ash lumber, and related products in the infested areas in order to reduce the risk of new areas becoming infested. For more information about the emerald ash borer, and the actions that have been taken by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency in order to contain its spread, [click here](#). **If you think you have the beetle on your property, contact the Canadian Food Inspection Agency at 1-866-463-6017.**
- Since its discovery in Canada, emerald ash borer (EAB) has been found in many municipalities in Ontario and Quebec.
- The emerald ash borer poses no risk to human or animal health.
- The emerald ash borer has killed a large number of trees of all species of ash in Ontario and poses a major economic threat to urban and forested areas of North America.

What to Look For:

- emerald ash borer attacks only ash trees, no other tree species
- loss of foliage and dead branches in the upper third of the tree and new shoots on the trunk
- D-shaped exit holes 3.5 - 4 mm (0.14" - 0.16") wide on the trunk or branches
- very small (8.5 - 13 mm (0.33" - 0.51") long) metallic shiny green beetles
- vertical splitting of the bark
- S-shaped grooves beneath the bark caused by larval feeding

What You Can Do:

- residents can play a key part in helping to control the spread of EAB by not moving potentially infested materials such as all firewood or any ash materials such as logs, branches, nursery stock, chips or other ash wood

- treatment of ash trees with TreeAzin has proved to be effective in the control of EAB and in extending the life of ash trees. Go to www.bioforest.ca or contact the County Forest Manager at 705-435-1881 or forestmanager@dufferinmuseum.com for more information

What We're Doing

- a management strategy for dealing with emerald ash borer in the Dufferin County Forest was established via a staff report to Council in February, 2012
- the County Forest Manager will assist residents with inquiries about emerald ash borer and other forest pests
- the County will co-operate with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and its partners in the monitoring of emerald ash borer

For more information about emerald ash borer, visit the Canadian Food Inspection Agency website at www.inspection.gc.ca.

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