

Emerald ash borer (EAB) was officially confirmed in the Town of Pleasant Springs. The infestation was initially found by Dane County Parks staff at the Lafollette Park property. This is not a surprise given the proximity of the Town to other known EAB infestations. It is likely that the area has been infested for a while - but it takes some time for insect damage to become obvious and trees to start to succumb.

As for the Town, there is nothing new you need to do and nothing changes for you - as you have been under an EAB quarantine since the insect was discovered in Madison in 2013. One thing for your residents to keep in mind though – DON'T move firewood – especially to cabins “up north” - Moving wood out of the quarantine (see DATCP) -violates the quarantines and spreads the insect to uninfested areas of the state. All counties in the lower half of Wisconsin are quarantined, but not every community in those counties has an infestation – so keeping firewood close to “home” is a good measure to prevent spreading this devastating insect.

As a reminder, please inform those who need to know - the information about the confirmation will become public through the DATCP website and a gov. delivery e-blast to subscribers on **Friday Oct. 6th**.

The DATCP website is the clearing house for all things EAB in Wisconsin, and can be a great resource for your staff and the public. (Including information on, EAB signs and symptoms, Ash tree identification, “should I treat my tree?” and treatment options) The DATCP website can be found here: <http://datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/eab/index.jsp>. While not every ash tree should be considered for treatment – as treatment can be costly and is ongoing- untreated trees will eventually become infested and die. Those choosing to treat ash trees should inform themselves of the options or consult with a local certified Arborist.

The WDNR has created an EAB tool box to help aid communities in dealing with EAB and that can be found here: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/UrbanForests/EABToolBox.html> and Stoughton, McFarland and Fitchburg have been managing EAB for years and would be a good source of local info as well.

If you have further questions feel free to reach out (my contact info is below)

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