



Emerald Ash Borer Confirmed in Waukesha County

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PRESS ADVISORY

Details of Latest Confirmation: An emerald ash borer (EAB) beetle was collected Tuesday in a tree in the Village of Mukwonago at the intersection of State Highway 83 and County Highway NN. An arborist working for the Village notified staff with the Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection of the possible infestation. The specimen was sent to federal identifiers that day and subsequently confirmed as EAB on Wednesday, June 20, 2012.

Where Else Has EAB Been Found in Wisconsin: The tree-killing emerald ash borer has now been discovered in 11 Wisconsin counties: Brown, Crawford, Kenosha, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Vernon, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha.

Quarantined Counties: Waukesha County has been under quarantine since 2009. **EAB quarantines also currently exist in Brown, Crawford, Fond du Lac, Kenosha, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Vernon, Washington counties.** The quarantine on Walworth County is pending.

The EAB quarantine affects some businesses that use certain ash products. For the vast majority of people the quarantine means that hardwood firewood, regardless of tree species, cannot leave the quarantine area.

Residents of Mukwonago and Waukesha County in general (and any other known infested county) should contact a certified arborist or other tree care professional for help in determining if their ash tree is at risk and a course of action to undertake if warranted.

Resources: Information about EAB can be found on the web at www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov.

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The Wisconsin Emerald Ash Borer Program includes partners from the following agencies:

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
University of Wisconsin – Madison
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