



NOTICE

Ash Tree Removal Emerald Ash Borer Management

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive insect that attacks and kills ash trees. While the beetle poses no direct threat to human health, it has killed millions of ash trees in North American cities and forests since its discovery in 2002. The insect only threatens ash trees and other types of trees are not affected.

An inventory conducted in 2014 found over 1,700 Town-owned ash trees along community streets and in parks, and over 2,000 ash trees along rural roads. EAB was found in New Tecumseth in the summer of 2014. Like all affected jurisdictions, the Town of New Tecumseth must respond to the infestation. The Town is actively managing the infestation of EAB on municipally-owned trees through the implementation of the Town's EAB Management Strategy, which was prepared in conjunction with Urban Forest Innovations Inc. The Strategy includes removal and replacement of Town-owned ash trees, as well as protection of selected ash trees with TreeAzin[®], a stem-injectable systemic insecticide. Residents are also encouraged to take action to manage ash trees on their own properties.

Removal of EAB-infested Town-owned ash tree began in 2015. Town-owned ash trees will continue to be removed by the Town's contractor, Weller Tree Service in 2016 and beyond. **The Town-owned ash tree(s) in front of your property has been selected for removal.** Ash trees may be selected for removal based on health, structural condition and/or size. Ash trees selected for removal are marked with a green 'R' on the trunk of the tree.

The Town will replace each removed ash tree with a suitable tree that is not susceptible to EAB. Replacement trees will be planted in suitable locations.

More information about ash tree identification, Emerald Ash Borer and the Town's management response can be found at: <http://newtecumseth.ca/residents/services/emerald-ash-borer-eab/>.

Should you have any questions about Emerald Ash Borer or the Town's management response, please contact the Public Works Department by phone at (905) 729-0057 or (705) 435-3900 or by email at publicworks@newtecumseth.ca.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this process.

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