

CITY OF ST. LOUIS ASH TREES UNDER ATTACK

Many St. Louis City streets are lined with a mixture of tree canopies, but the ash tree is the most common. There are 15,000+ ash trees (17%) along city streets and in parks. While some streets have few ash trees, others are lined with them. Sadly, an insect is starting to kill our ash trees and this will have a tremendous impact on our streets and neighborhoods. The City of St. Louis Forestry Division is proactively acting now before stopping the insect becomes much more difficult, dangerous and costly.

INVASIVE PEST

A small green exotic wood-boring pest known as the emerald ash borer (EAB) is invading our ash trees. They have been killing ash trees in the U.S. since 2002 and now are in St. Louis. EABs are primarily transported by infested firewood moved from city to city. They burrow into ash trees and damage their veins, cutting off their water supply.



TREATMENT

Many of the healthy large publicly-owned ash trees will be injected every two years with an organic botanical treatment to prevent the EAB from invading them.



REMOVAL

Declining ash trees will be removed before they become a public safety hazard. Dry brittle ash trees can topple over and damage people or property. In the coming weeks and months, you may see bright yellow tags on ash trees that must be removed. Questions or want to learn more? Call 314-613-7200 or visit www.stlouis-mo.gov/ash-borer

REPLANTING

Forest ReLeaf of Missouri is working with the City Forestry Division to replace ash trees that have been removed, replanting 40 different species of trees in their place.



YOU CAN HELP!

We would love to have you help Forest ReLeaf replant trees. Interested or want to be kept up-to-date on the project? Sign up at www.moreleaf.org/ashreleaf Thanks!



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