



**Trees surveyed to date: 9,065 (95% are trees in Washington County)**

**# of trees suspected to be infested: 307**

**# of trees with confirmed EAB presence: 39**

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## **Oregon Dept. of Agriculture is inviting applications for a limited number of free ash tree removals near Joseph Gale Park in Forest Grove**

Property owners in Forest Grove within a mile of Joseph Gale Park (where EAB was first found) who have ash trees are being invited through a mailing and door-to-door canvassing to send to the City of Forest Grove a statement of interest in having the tree removed for free. Only ash, olive or white fringe trees are eligible for removal. Trees do not have to be confirmed as infested to qualify for removal. Removals are to be paid for by the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture under state Emergency Board funds and cover a limited number of removals. Applying for ash removal is not a guarantee of removal, but instead shows interest in participating. If a property owner is selected, ODA will hire a licensed professional to fell and remove their ash tree at no cost. Ash debris will then be burned or chipped to prevent spreading the insect. It is the property owner's responsibility to replace any removed street trees by April 1, 2024, per City of Forest Grove permitting requirements.

Visit [oda.fyi/ashdash](https://oda.fyi/ashdash) to view the results of the ODA's ash tree visual survey and determine how near you are to known or suspected infested ash trees. Note that even trees where EAB could not be confirmed by a ground-based observer might still be infested because signs might not yet be visible.

To apply for the program, first visit Oregon State University's [Ash ID webpage](#) to confirm you have an ash tree. Then complete the attached City of Forest Grove Tree Removal Permit. Make sure to enter "EAB suppression" in the "Tree Condition/Reason for Work" field. Mail the completed permit to:

ATTN Amy Kreimeier

PO Box 326, Forest Grove, OR 97116

## **HB 3016 promises more technical and financial help for dealing with EAB**

If passed, Oregon House Bill 3016 could provide the Oregon Dept. of Forestry with more state funds to help communities address EAB. One provision states that ODF "shall develop and implement a program to provide technical and financial assistance to public bodies ...tribal governments, watershed councils... and community-based organizations for planning for, responding to and recovering from damage to habitats and urban tree canopies due to pests, diseases or other natural or human-created conditions that lead to loss of tree canopy, including but not limited to emerald ash borer infestation."



## Act now to get early-bird pricing on tickets for the June 1 urban forestry conference on EAB and other looming insect pests

Early-bird pricing on registration is available through April 26 for Oregon's major Urban and Community Forestry Conference. The all-day conference will be Thursday, June 1 at Portland's World Forestry Center. It is put on by the Oregon Department of Forestry and USDA Forest Service in collaboration with Oregon Community Trees.

The conference's theme – What's Bugging Our Trees? – will focus on insect pests that threaten Oregon's trees, including the recently arrived emerald ash borer.

### Speakers

- Forest Entomologist Karen Ripley, the USDA Forest Service's Forest Health Monitoring and Invasive Insects Program Manager, will answer why Oregon is seeing more and more insect pests and what to expect as the climate changes.
- ODF Invasive Species Specialist Wyatt Williams will discuss EAB and other looming insect threats to Oregon's trees and what can be done to slow their spread
- Research Forester Geoffrey Donovan, with the USDA Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Research Station will discuss the negative impacts on human health of canopy loss from pests like EAB and the health benefits of increasing canopy
- Russell Clark with PlanIt Geo, LLC, who'll discuss how to inventory trees

### There will also be a panels on:

- The pros and cons of treatments versus tree removal for emerald ash borer
- Options for what to do with the wood from pest-killed trees
- Good choices for replacement trees and how to ensure their availability

**Early registration is \$150 until April 26 and \$170 after that. Students can register for \$80.**  
*Price includes a boxed lunch and social hour beverages and snacks.*

To register, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/whats-bugging-our-trees-coping-with-emerald-ash-borer-in-the-pnw-tickets-483429178687>





*An Oregon Dept. of Agriculture Survey Technician Alyssa Vogelsang (kneeling) explains in a recent training how the galleries beneath the bark made by emerald ash borers differ from those made by other beetles. ODA photo.*

## **In-depth trainings help agency staff prepare for emergence of EAB this spring**

With EAB adults likely to start emerging toward the end of May, the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture, the federal Animal Plant Health Inspection Service PPQ, and Clean Water Services conducted field and classroom training on EAB recently. About three dozen professionals from federal, state, regional, local and tribal agencies attended the training, which was held at Clean Water Services Administration Building in Hillsboro and at Jackson Bottom Wetlands near Forest Grove.

## **Report an EAB sighting in Oregon**



To report a suspected EAB sighting in Oregon or for news releases and other EAB information, go to the Oregon Invasive Species Council's website at [oregoneab.com](http://oregoneab.com).

## **New!**

Now available online in English and Spanish versions is an OSU publication to help you identify ash trees in Oregon.

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/gallery/recognizing-ash-trees-oregon-washington-northern-california>

## **Useful links for more information on how to identify EAB-infested ash trees and the current status of EAB in Oregon**

EAB monitoring guidance

<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/forestbenefits/Documents/eab-monitoring-guidance.pdf>

Oregon Dept. of Agriculture

<https://www.oregon.gov/oda/programs/IPPM/SurveyTreatment/Pages/EmeraldAshBorer.aspx>

Oregon Dept. of Forestry

<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/forestbenefits/pages/foresthealth.aspx>

OSU Extension

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/collection/emerald-ash-borer-resources>

USFS Forest Health Protection

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r6/home/?cid=fseprd1046323>

USDA's EAB Program

[www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-health/eab](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-health/eab)

## **Publications**

*Oregon Ash: Insects, Pathogens and Tree Health* by Oregon State University Extension (also available in Spanish at this same website)

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/pub/em-9380>

*Wood Decay Fungi Associated with Galleries of the Emerald Ash Borer* by the University of Minnesota and Uruguay's *Instituto Nacional de Investigación Agropecuaria*

[Forests | Free Full-Text | Wood Decay Fungi Associated with Galleries of the Emerald Ash Borer \(mdpi.com\)](https://www.mdpi.com/forests/11/11/1987)