

EMERALD ASH BORER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF TOLEDO

PLAN PURPOSE:

The City of Toledo, Division of Forestry & Urban Beautification, will implement a proactive approach to the management of Emerald Ash Borer (E.A.B). This plan will remove all ash trees located on City of Toledo property, including all street trees as well as all park trees. Many neighborhoods will lose a significant amount of ash trees, creating several adverse effects. To help alleviate this, the Division of Forestry & Urban Beautification has adopted an aggressive replanting schedule, emphasizing diversity of species.

ADMINISTRATION OF PLAN:

The Commissioner of Forestry and Forestry field staff will be responsible for administration of the E.A.B. Plan.

COMMUNICATION:

All media relations will follow the City's standard operating procedures through the City's Public Information Officer. Residents may inquire about particular trees through the Forestry Field Office at (419) 936-2988.

ASH TREE REMOVAL:

All Ash trees within the City's right-of-ways will be removed. This will be accomplished in a systematic approach within the City. The City of Toledo is divided into 65 management units. Forestry staff will decide which management units to work in, as well as if any trees will be left for future removal. Residents will be notified with a letter and U.S.D.A. information before removal. Stumps will be removed as crews and/or budgets allow, prior to replanting. Priority is given to Ash trees on City of Toledo right-of-ways.

WOOD DISPOSAL:

The City will take all Ash logs, brush and chips to the wood-recycling yard at the Forestry Division Field Office located at 221 Elmdale. The wood will be ground into playground mulch. The brush and wood chips will be turned into landscaping mulch. Both products are for sale to the general public and contractors.

TREE REPLACEMENTS:

All Ash trees removed will be considered for replacement. Forestry staff will make the determination if trees will not be replaced. Examples of sites un-replantable are – too close to street signs and lights, existing trees in yard are too close, insufficient tree lawn area, and utility issues. Trees will be 1-3/4”-2-1/2” caliper. Forestry staff will determine all species to be planted, with emphasis on diversity of species. Replacement trees will be installed as budget and personnel allow.

PRIVATE ASH TREES:

The City of Toledo will only remove ash trees on city-owned right-of-ways, parks and city lots. Ash trees located on private property will be the responsibility of the property owner. If an Ash tree threatens the public safety, the Commissioner of Forestry can have the tree removed by city crews and invoice the property owner for the service.

TREE PERMIT ISSUED:

Residents may apply for permits to perform tree work on city-owned trees. Work may include trimming, removal, spraying and planting. Permits are obtained from the Forestry Field Office at no charge. Each request is assessed individually. Forestry Inspectors and/or the Commissioner of Forestry will determine the extent of work permitted.