

EMERALD ASH BORER IN WISCONSIN

Ash trees of many varieties and colors over the years have beautified Wisconsin's country sides and many yards around the state. They have grown in a wide range of soil and have been quite disease free.

The Emerald Ash Borer has now been found in Wisconsin and will perhaps destroy millions of ash trees in the state. It is very important for individuals to not spread this insect by carelessness. The state has issued much information on what to do and what not to. As this insect is found closer to your area quarantines may be enforced to slow the spread. Wolfrath's Nursery has been engaged in many studies over the past 4 years with experts from states already devastated by this pest.

Bob Wolfrath has been certified by the state to use chemicals which treat Emerald Ash Borer and many other tree and turf diseases. Bob will be called upon by many of past customers and new customers to try to save select ash trees on their properties. The good news is, under Bob's studies in Michigan many ash trees have been saved by the method Bob uses to treat ash. It will be nearly impossible to save huge amounts of ash trees over our state. However home owners who want to save special select trees in their yards should contact Wolfrath's and get on the list of customers with trees needing treatment.

Many chemicals and methods will soon be on the market trying to take advantage of the ash borer infestation. Many of the products may not do the job and be a waste of money. Bob's studies have lead him to a special injection product that has proven to save ash trees. In fact, the trees treated are better than they ever were due to additional nourishment injected at the time of treatment. It is very important to have a qualified person with proper equipment and chemicals treat your trees. Bob has seen the results of many trees treated improperly go to waste and die while trees treated properly are thriving. There have been articles already written about the use of drenches. Most drenches only work on smaller trees and must be administered at select time periods only. Proper injection along with drench and proper nourishment treatment is the best answer.

Wolfrath's will be trying their best to save as many ash trees for customers as possible. It is important to start treatment early enough to build up the chemical in the tree before the pest enters or gets a strong start. Wolfrath's also has started an ash tree clunker program for customers owning ash trees that are in a remote area or not as important as special trees in prime locations. Additional rebates are being offered for customers wanting to replace these clunker or less desirable trees with a new tree of another variety than ash. Treat your special trees and replace your clunkers.

Costs to treat your trees properly depends on trunk size of tree and other factors. Bob can Help you decide if your tree should be replaced or treated. Proper treatment along with proper timing is vital in your ash tree's future.

Contact Wolfrath's Nursery at Hortonville 920-779-6493

