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Emerald Ash Borer: What Chatham Homeowners Need to Know

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a metallic green insect native to Asia that attacks and kills North American ash trees. It was first detected in the U.S. in 2002, and has expanded eastward across the country, subsequently killing **hundreds of millions** of ash trees. Once ash trees become infested with EAB, the tree mortality rate is 99%. EAB was first detected in NJ in 2014 and has spread to multiple counties throughout our state.

Trees impact property values and salability of homes; they also impact air quality, energy costs, and soil erosion. Chatham Borough Shade Tree Commission has coordinated with a Certified Tree Expert (CTE) to do an inventory *to identify ash trees on borough property and public rights-of-way*, to proactively address EAB as much as possible. As a result of the inventory, healthy ash trees will be treated, and other ash trees will be removed and replaced with other tree species.

Chatham Borough Shade Tree Commission will continue to provide additional updates on this website, and will also send communication to affected homeowners. For more information on EAB, including how to address EAB on trees on your private property, check out the NJ Department of Agriculture's EAB Task Force at www.emeraldashborer.nj.gov.

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